

Elizabeth A. Ross to be honored

Alto, TX. - Elizabeth Burton Ross will be honored Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 2:30 P.M. at St. Thomas Chapel A.M.E. Church located five miles west of, Alto, Texas on hwy 21.

She began singing at the age of six. In the Murray Farm Community where she grew up, neighbors would often ask her to sing them a song. She was very small, so they would stand her up on a keg, and everybody would gather around to hear her sing.

As the years moved on, she and her family moved from the Murray Farm to the Hope Well Community east of Crockett, Texas and later to Alto, Texas.

From a small child up, her dreams were that one day she would play the piano, and in the Hope Well School, she saw her first piano. Mrs. Lucille King was the music teacher. However, Elizabeth couldn't take music lessons because her family was not able to pay for them, so every day during lunch hour while the other children were outside eating their lunch and playing, she was inside trying to learn to play the piano. She had a very good ear for music, so she would take note by note to form a chord, and from there she went higher and higher.

She would walk two miles sometimes in cold and rainy weather to play on her friend's piano. After finishing the tenth grade in Hope Well, she went to the Crockett Colored High School, where she finished the 12th grade. While there she continued her singing and playing. Some of the groups that Sis. Ross sang with during her career were as follows:

- Elizabeth Ross and The Gospel Harmonettes of Lufkin, TX
- The Voluntary Music Club of Crockett, TX, Bro. Herman Moore, President.
- The Towering Five of Alto, TX, Bro. Emerson Hamilton, Manager-
- The True Gospel Harmonettes of Tyler, TX,

Sis. Velma Freaney, Manager The Lord blessed Sis. Ross to work with the following churches us-



ing her God given talent to sing and play: St. Thomas Chapel (this is also the first group Sis. Ross played for).

A.M.E. Church, which is also her home church, under the pastoral leadership of: Rev. Parks, Rev. Vaughn, Sr., Rev. Burton, Rev. Walker, Rev. Dickey, Rev. Emanuel, Rev. Malone, Rev. Molden, Rev. Grant, Rev. Peterson - All of Alto, TX

- Rev. Dolphus Pastor, Lufkin, Texas
- St. Matthews #2, Nacogdoches, TX
- Elm Grove Baptist Church, Rusk, TX
- Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Rev. T.J. Sheppard, Tyler, TX
- Bethel Baptist Church, Crockett, TX

Elizabeth gives SPECIAL for her career to God, her family, and the many many people she was able to touch in some special way with her soulful renditions of "Walk With Me Lord", "You Been Good To Me", "Redeemed", "Nobody But You Lord" and many many more.

She is an established Playwright and has written many Black Religious Plays: To order call 832-882-4469.

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