



*See you on the other side, Dear Heart.*



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Your calls, cards, flowers, food, encouraging words, and monetary gifts are much appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers.*

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- ◆ *Special thanks to Bishop & Dr. Paul S. Morton, Pastor and First Lady T. Delbert Robinson, and the Greater St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church family for providing a venue for this great celebration.*
- ◆ *Everything in this program was written by Supervisor Hazel L. Feltus over the past seven years, since Bishop Feltus' death. Her final wish was to ride around the New Orleans Lakefront, her favorite place of serenity. Get flags for your car and join us for the Lakefront Procession and the Repast. Thank you for celebrating with us.*

*If there is ever anything we can do to be of assistance, or just to visit your event, please don't hesitate to call on us.*

*Jean, Gerald, Janice, Arnold, Cheryl, and Murlene*



### *Pallbearers*

Erasmus Feltus II  
Jamel F. Little  
Arnold Little II  
Frankie Wilson, Jr.  
Jonathan Wilson

Chris Feltus  
Morris Dawson  
William Little I  
Lenart Derrick  
Christopher Staine

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Bro. Darryl Foxworth  
Bro. Wardell Luter  
Bro. Jamar Lundy  
Bro. Chad Luter  
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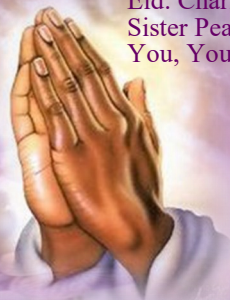
Nieces & Cousins ~ Missionaries & Evangelists ~ Mentees

### *Honorary Stewards*

We appreciate those who took time, down through the years, to act as personal assistants for Mother Feltus.

Elder James Swaby  
Evang. Pauline Swaby  
Dr. Cheryl Taylor  
Bishop Ronald Richardson  
Bishop Quincy Gibson  
Missionary Yvonne Gibson  
Missionary Courtney P. Little  
Missionary Raven J. Little  
Missionary Janice Alexander  
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Missionary Burt Haynes  
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Sister Robin Knox  
Pastor Cynthia Williams  
Brother James Williams  
Missionary Carolyn Walker  
Dea. Charles Walker, Sr.  
Eld. Charles Walker, Jr.  
Sister Pearl Darby  
You, You, and Especially You



This was Mother Feltus' favorite poem.  
LAST RECITED IN JUNE 2023

### *Myself*

*I have to live with myself and so,  
I want to be fit for myself to know.  
I want to be able as days go by,  
Always to look myself straight in the eye;*

*I don't want to stand with the setting sun  
and hate myself for the things I have done.*

*I don't want to keep on a closet shelf  
a lot of secrets about myself,  
And fool myself as I come and go  
into thinking no one else will ever know  
the kind of person I really am,  
I don't want to dress up myself in sham.*

*I want to go out with my head erect.  
I want to deserve all men's respect;*

*But in the struggle for fame and wealth  
I want to be able to like myself.  
I don't want to look at myself and know  
I am bluster and bluff and empty show.*

*I never can hide myself from me;  
I see what others may never see;  
I know what others may never know.  
I never can fool myself and so,  
whatever happens I want to be  
self respecting and conscience free.*

*by Edgar Guest*

## THE LIFE STORY OF A HOLY WOMAN

### *Journey To Heaven*



**SUPERVISOR  
HAZEL JEAN LUTER**

# *Feltus*







**Mother Hazel Luter Feltus**

**From the Rising of the Sun: May 20, 1928**

**To the Going Down of the Same: October 9, 2023**

Viewing at 9:00 AM

*Saturday, October 28, 2023*

Celebration at 10:00 AM

**PRESIDING BISHOP ARNOLD LITTLE I, OFFICIANT  
SUPERINTENDENT GERALD FELTUS, EULOGIST**

Services Held At:



5600 Read Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70127

**SENIOR PASTOR T. DELBERT ROBINSON    FIRST LADY JASMINE MORTON ROBINSON  
OVERSEERS - BISHOP PAUL S. & DR. DEBRA B. MORTON**

Favorite Scripture:

**I CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 13**

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

**PRESIDING BISHOP ARNOLD LITTLE I, OFFICIATING**  
*Moderators: Supervisor Eunice Little & Supervisor Almeta LeViege*

**Order of Service**

Musical Prelude

(All stand for the procession of the family)  
*I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, SAITH THE LORD: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: AND WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. (John 11:25-26)*

Procession of the Family

Invocation

Reading from the Psalms

Reading from the Gospels

*IN CELEBRATION AND ALSO PROFOUND THANKSGIVING,  
WE COME TO THIS HOUSE OF GOD, TO A PLACE OF PRAYER WHERE  
REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE ARE OUR SACRED DUTY.*

**“Come and Go With Me To My Father’s House”  
“If You Live Right, Heaven Belongs to You”**

*WITH GRATITUDE WE REMEMBER SUPERVISOR FELTUS’ UNSWERVING  
COMMITMENT TO A LIFELONG VOCATION AND HIGH CALLING.*

**THE LIFE STORY OF A HOLY WOMAN**

*District Missionary Joan Feltus Wilson*

“To God Be The Glory”

**Reflections**

FRIENDS

FIRST COGICU KENNER LA  
FIRST CHURCH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
FIRST COGICU / FREE SPIRIT STEWARDS’ COGICU  
GETHSEMANE TEMPLE COGICU  
THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST UNITED

Musical Rendition

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.  
THE LUTER FAMILY  
GRANDCHILDREN  
GREAT GRANDCHILDREN  
NIECES & NEPHEWS  
COUSINS

*IN RECOGNITION OF MOTHER FELTUS’ SERVICE TO THE MINISTRY, LET US  
REJOICE IN HER UNSELFISH COUNSEL TO CLERGY ALL OVER THE WORLD.  
CLERGY*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Elect Lady Janice Feltus*

THE EULOGY

*Superintendent Gerald Feltus, Son*

Pastor, House of Prayer COGIC in Fort Worth, TX

THE PARTING VIEW

THE PARTING CEREMONY

CELEBRATION RIDE AROUND THE LAKEFRONT

**FINAL FAREWELL - PASTOR MOSES S. GORDON, SR.**





## *Hazel Jean Colula Luter Feltus*

# *Journey to Heaven*

"Life is a journey. The heart, therefore, must be set upon those matters which are eternal and not upon those matters which pass away."

*Lynn H. Hough*

### *Her Early Life*

The life journey of Hazel Jean Colula Luter Feltus, affectionately known to many as "MaDear", was a pathway directed by God, as she walked by faith through all life's seasons. God brought a unique beauty to each season of her journey as she emulated the qualities of a gracious woman of God. This rare jewel was born to the union of Deacon Eugene Luter and Mother Pearlie Rushing Luter on May 20, 1928 in Kokomo, Mississippi Darbun Community. Her name at birth was Hazel Colula Luter. At age 16 she changed her name to Hazel Jean. She was the 4th daughter and 5th child of 14 children. They were farmers. Her siblings referred to her as a spoiled daddy's girl. She cried when it was time to go and work in the fields and her dad would give in and let her off while all the others had to hit the fields. It goes without saying, farming was not her thing. She deeply loved her family and was highly respected and admired by each of them.

If you were ever acquainted with Hazel Feltus you can attest to the fact that she was a woman of God, smart, joyful, kind, thoughtful of others, concerned and considerate of the less fortunate. She was a woman of sheer class, beautiful, the epitome of elegance and grace with impeccable fashion sense. She was mature and exceptional in many ways. From a young child she worked hard to achieve, winning baby contests, spelling bees and whatever she put her mind to.

### *Her Education and Work*

Supervisor Feltus had outstanding intellectual abilities. She was sometimes referred to as, 'The Luter Brain'. She graduated as the highest ranked student from Darbun Line Elementary School in 1941 as well as in middle school. There was no high school for Blacks in Darbun Community, therefore, she had to leave home and attend Boarding School in Tylertown, Mississippi. She was among the first Blacks to pursue advanced education to high school from Darbun Community. While at Magee Creek Vocational High School, Hazel was a mentor to many of the girls who admired and looked up to her. They gave her the nickname 'MaDear'. She graduated Valedictorian from Magee Creek Vocational High School in Tylertown, Mississippi in 1945 at the age of 16. Although athletics was not her major interest, she participated in sports both in high school and college, earning her the title 'The Team's Best Substitute'.

After graduation, she won an oratorical contest sponsored by The Herons of Jericho, which awarded a high school student a full scholarship to the prestigious Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi. The title of her speech was, 'The Constitution of the United States As It Affects the American Negro'.

Her academic achievements include:

- Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education - Cum Laude, Southern University in New Orleans
- Master of Special Education - Cum Laude, The University of New Orleans
- Master of Christian Education from Feltus Theological Seminary, New Orleans
- Doctor of Christian Education from Kingdom International Univ. in Florida



Other honors include: One of the Most Outstanding Women in the city of New Orleans, Most Outstanding Woman in the New Orleans Christian Community, and Who's Who in America. Supervisor Feltus was a Civil Rights activist. Breaking barriers for Blacks in New Orleans, she participated in sit-ins at local department stores and marched with Dr. King in the early sixties. She advocated for Women's Rights and fair treatment of all.

Mother Feltus' teaching career began at Hub Vocational High School in Mississippi, where she worked as a 4th grade teacher, and Magee Creek Vocational High School in Mississippi, where she worked as a Social Studies teacher. She worked many years in Orleans Parish School Board as a Special Education teacher at Valena C. Jones Elementary School, McDonogh #6 Elementary School, and Milne Boys Home. Her last teaching assignment was at Hammond State School for the Mentally Challenged. Many students who were told in the early days that they were failures were referred to Mrs. Feltus for council where they found hope for a successful life. The establishment of First Church Christian Academy and Preschool in the 1980's was the answer to her dream for children to defeat failure and acquire a quality education with Christian values.

### *Her Family Life*

May 14, 1948, Hazel married the love of her life, the late Bishop James Feltus, Jr. For 68 years they shared their joys, sorrows, and aspirations. One of the most gratifying accomplishments they shared were their children. MaDear, as she was affectionately called by all her children except Mike (who called her Mama), reared James Feltus III, affectionately called 'Junior Boy' from the tender age of six. She birthed seven children: Clarence (still born), Erasmus, Riley, Joan, Gerald, Cheryl, and Michael. Bishop and Mother Feltus' marriage was built on the principle: "The husband is the head of the family. The wife is the heart of the family. The children are the hope of the family."

They reared their children in the fear of God and lived holy lives in the home. They taught their children how to work in ministry and how to love the people of God. MaDear was the loving and supportive 'wind beneath the wings', and guide for her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She stamped their character and helped make them who they are today.



Bishop James Feltus, Jr.  
and  
Supervisor Hazel L. Feltus

### *Her Christian Service*

Supervisor Hazel L. Feltus was reared in the faith of the Church of God in Christ. The summer of 1945 the Lord baptized her in the Holy Ghost. At this point, her life, her interest, her goals were about being led closer and closer to the heart of God. She always trusted God and her wisdom of adherence to His promises never failed her. The Word of God was her measuring rod.

She was the epitome of a virtuous woman of strength as she journeyed through the rest of her life focused on God and the work of the Kingdom. Her greatest desire was that God be pleased with her life and service. She and her husband, Bishop James Feltus, Jr., devoted their lives to the ministry. To many she was a spiritual mother, a teacher, a counselor, and a mentor. She knew how to encourage others in distress with the comfort she herself received from God.

She worked diligently in every aspect of ministry: teacher, organizer, evangelism, and missions, just to name a few. If there was a need she found a way to make it happen. And whatever her hands found to do, she did it well: if she wrote it, it was well written; if she spoke it, it was well spoken; and if she organized it, it was well put together.

Churches flourished under the pastoral care of Bishop and Supervisor Feltus. Together they served faithfully in the ministry throughout the state of Louisiana at First Church of God in Christ United in Kenner, St Bernard COGIC in New Orleans, First COGICU in New Orleans, and Allen Temple COGICU in Bogalusa. For 40 consecutive years, First COGICU had a weekly broadcast at 10pm on Sunday nights where she served as moderator. Prominent ministers and musicians testify of the impact that Bishop and Supervisor Feltus had on their lives.

In 1972 they organized The Church of God in Christ United which has expanded over 7 countries including the United States, Jamaica, British Honduras, Trinidad, Virgin Islands, Africa, Canada, London, The United Kingdom and many other foreign lands. The mission of the COGICU is, "The World for Christ". Supervisor Feltus is the Visionaire of the COGICU Women's Department. She served as International Supervisor of Women for 36 years and International Supervisor Emeritus from 2008 to her death.



The *Luter* Family

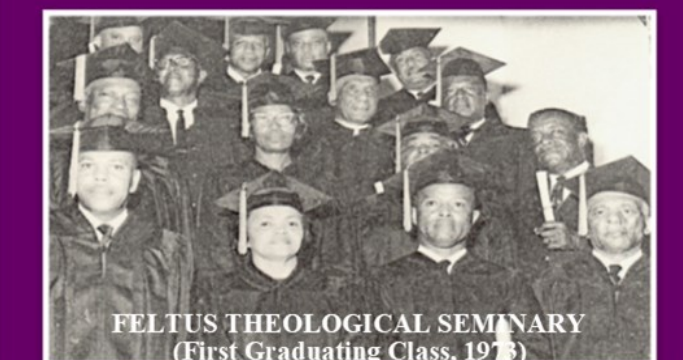


The *Feltus* Family

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MOST OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN THE  
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LA  
Cynthia, Joan, Mrs. Feltus, Pat, Janice, Karen



FELTUS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
(First Graduating Class, 1973)





Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren  
*"Our eyes adore you..."*



*Her Final Days*

*"He who journeys with God always gets to his destination."*

Supervisor Hazel L. Feltus journeyed this earth 95 years equipped with the spiritual muscle needed to carry out the many roles God placed in her care. Throughout the twist and turns of her journey she steadfastly demonstrated what it means to simply trust and obey.

To care for those who cared for us is one of the highest honors. Supervisor Feltus received the loving care needed from her children, grandchildren, family members and closest friends. Her children Joan, Gerald and E. Cheryl provided the physical, mental, emotional, and financial support needed to lovingly care for their mom. In her final days she was under the safe keeping of her daughter, Eunice Cheryl Little, son-in law, Bishop Arnold Little I, grandsons Jamel and Arnold (Rachel), and her sister Tynche. They shouldered the responsibility of care giving, never leaving her side, always comfortable and peaceful.

*Monday, October 9, 2023 at 9:35 a.m., God took Supervisor Feltus to be with Him.  
 Her journey to heaven was completed.*

Throughout her journey her beauty shined through her brokenness, grace through her grief, triumph through her trials, and faith through her fears. And today there is a great sense of joy that Supervisor Hazel Feltus finished her journey and is in the presence of the Lord. She has received the welcome from Christ that we all long to hear, "Well done good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter into the joy of the Lord" ( Matthew 25:23).

She has been reunited with her husband, Bishop James Feltus, Jr.; sons: Erasmus, Riley, Michael, James III; parents: Eugene and Pearlie Luter; siblings: Henry, Marcus, Clettis, and Clexis Luter, Eunice Luter Rodgers, Eva Luter Lundy, Ada Luter Williams, and Ineda Luter James; twelve sisters and brothers-in-law.

She leaves to cherish her memory and carry out her legacy, her children: District Missionary Joan Feltus Wilson, Superintendent Gerald Feltus (Lady Janice), Supervisor Eunice Cheryl Feltus Little (Bishop Arnold Little I); daughter-in-law, Missionary Murlene Feltus; 26 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; five sisters: Geraldine L. Thomas (Deacon Albert Thomas) of San Bernadino, CA, Williedean L. Evans (CMSgt Russell Evans) of Gulfport, MS, Doris L. Copeland of Killeen, TX, Maggie Wright of Portland, OR, and Almata 'Tynche' Leviege (Bishop Earl Leviege, Sr.) of New Orleans, LA; The First Church of God in Christ United family; Free Spirit Stewards' COCICU family; The Church of God in Christ United (United States, Jamaica, Africa, London, and The United Kingdom); The Church of God in Christ, Inc.; sons and daughters of the Gospel; nieces; nephews; numerous personal assistants through the years; and a host of relatives and friends.

May the message she has written on so many of our hearts be one we write on the hearts of those who are coming behind us.

*"... Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them" (Revelations 14:13).*

Excerpt from  
**Thanatopsis**

So live, that when thy summons comes to join  
 The innumerable caravan, that moves  
 To that mysterious realm, where each shall take  
 His chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou go not, like the quarry-slave at night,  
 Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed  
 By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,  
 Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
 About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

*by: William Cullen Bryant*

Relaxing on the New Orleans Lakefront

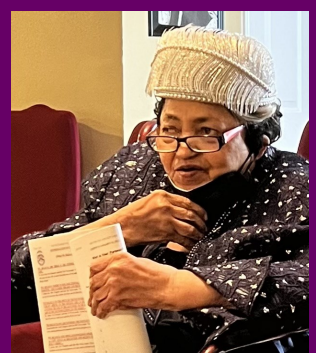
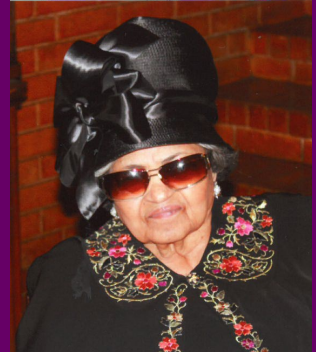




Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Teacher, Supervisor, Sister, Friend, Confidant, Mentor...



'68 Years of Marriage'



"Her children rise up and call her blessed..."



JOAN

GERALD



JANICE

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ALISHA ~ CHERYL ~ WILLIEDEAN ~ JOAN ~ MADEAR & DADDY ~ MIKE ~ JANICE ~ PAP ~ RAZS



DR. FELTUS



JANICE



LUNCH AT DOOKEY CHASE (2022)



GERALD



JAMES III (2014)



RAZS (2017)



RILEY (1973)



MICHAEL (2016)



FRANKIE (2013)



CHRISTMAS 2021



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MADEAR & CHERYL



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MADEAR



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