



Mother Frances Nevels was born to the late Sam and Mary Stanford on August 9, 1940 in Boyle, Mississippi.

As a young child Frances moved to Youngstown, Ohio with her parents, she received her formal education through the Youngstown City Schools where she attended East High School. Not long after her high school years, Frances met the love of her life Emmitt L. Nevels and they were married on February 6, 1960. To this union was born four (4) girls Debra, Venice, Gail and April also known as The Nevels Sisters, and one (1) son Emmitt L. Nevels Jr. In 1966 Emmitt and Frances Nevels accepted Christ under the leadership of Pastor Paul A. Loggins and they joined The Phillips

Chapel COGIC, where they were faithful members, and she served as president of the Pastor's traveling fund.

In 1974 Elder Emmitt Nevels became the Founder and Pastor of The Bright Star Church of God In Christ. In addition to raising their children, Mother Nevels was trusted into the many demanding responsibilities of First Lady. Because of the growing success of their ministry Bright Star COGIC relocated to 939 Elm Street In 1977, now known as Nevels Temple COGIC. Mother Nevels faithfully served as First Lady for 38 years. She also served as First Lady of New Beginning COGIC AT 438 Dodge Street in Kent, Ohio. Mother Nevels also served on the following: Women's Department of Nevels Temple, the National Board of Bishop's Wives C.O.G.I.C., First Lady of Tri-State Evangelistic Department C.O.G.I.C., The Advisory Board under the Late Bishop R. S. Fields, Ohio North Jurisdiction C.O.G.I.C., and secretary of the Bright Star C.O.G.I.C., Inc., dba Nevels Temple C.O.G.I.C. She was also owner/operator of the former Wise Woman Boutique in Youngstown

Mother Frances Nevels lived the attributes of the "Proverbs 31 – "Virtuous Woman". Mother Nevels raised her children to love and honor God in all their thoughts and actions. The Nevels children are appreciated across the country today because of the morals and values she instilled within them. Mother Nevels was the epitome of what a "First Lady" truly is. She will be greatly remembered for her wisdom and for the godly instructions she helped so many with. Mother Nevels was not a woman of many words, however, when she spoke her words resonated with all who listened. Bishop Nevels will most remember his beloved wife for being his own personal prayer warrior. Bishop Nevels and the Nevels family attribute the many miracles and ministry opportunities, experienced by their family, to the prayers of Mother Frances Nevels.

Mother Frances Mae Nevels was preceded in death by her father and mother Sam Stanford and Mary Stanford and four (4) brothers Porter, Willie, Johnny, and Lester. She is survived by her husband of nearly 55 years Bishop Emmitt L Nevels Sr., her five (5) children: Debra (Albert) Jordan, Venice Andrews, Gail (Jon) Stringer, Elder Emmitt (Kacie), L. Nevels, Jr. and April Nevels; one sister, Lula Stanford; two brothers, James (Karen) and Sam Stanford; 11 grandchildren, Waylan, Delyon, Camille, Blake, Courtney, Wynsten, Sydney, Reagan, Paige, Little Emmitt, and Grace; and a host of nieces and nephews. She also leaves to mourn her loss, the Nevels Temple family and the New Beginning family whom she loved dearly, the Ohio West Jurisdiction Family and a host of relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation hours will be Saturday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Nevels Temple C.O.G.I.C., 939 Elm Street, Youngstown. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday at the Tod Homestead Cemetery, 2200 Belmont Avenue, Youngstown.