

THE SOUTHERN BELLE

She was beautiful.

She enchanted everyone with her dark hair, thin alluring figure and her captivating smile.

She grew up in Richmond Virginia in a poor black neighborhood.

She lived daily with ignorance and prejudice.

She was the one with the real heart of gold.

She captured his heart on their first date.

She gave up her promising career for family.

She was calm and comforting while flying west through a long terrible storm with her baby in her arms.

She was the foundation of her world.

She had a southern accent, which was legendary.

She made unbelievable southern fried chicken.

She made a fantastic chocolate cake too.

She loved to read, especially about the political world.

She had an analytical mind when it came to business.

She had a wonderful passion for food.

She loved family.

She endured the massive destruction of her apartment in the 1971 California earthquake.

She was always helping others.

She was so knowledgeable.

She was the glue that kept everything together.

She was the Southern Belle, Lillian (Zerulik) Stone.

She was my mom....