

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lou Della Evans Reid

PERSON

Evans Reid, Lou Della, 1930-

**Alternative Names:** Lou Della Evans Reid; Lu Della;

**Life Dates:** July 7, 1930-

**Place of Birth:** Brownsville, Tennessee, USA

**Residence:** Chicago, IL

**Occupations:** Gospel Musician; ; ;

## Biographical Note

Gospel singer Lou Della Evans Reid was born on July 7, 1930, in Brownsville, Tennessee, to Henry Clay and Estanuly Evans.

In 1950, Evans Reid became a charter member of Chicago's Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, led by her older brother, Reverend Clay Evans. In 1960, she became a surgical nurse in Chicago, working first at Saint Anne's Hospital, then at Saint Luke's. She was appointed Minister of Music at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 1963, where she oversaw the senior, young adult, and youth choirs and taught Sunday School. Her arrangements include "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "New Name In Glory" and her hymnal renditions include "It Is Well," "More Love To Thee," and "Close To Thee." Evans Reid retired as Minister of Music for Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in 2000. In retirement, she served as music adviser for Chicago's First Church of Deliverance and led her own community choir, the Lou Della Evans Reid Traditional Gospel Choir. Evans Reid retired from being a surgical nurse in 2007. She has served as music coordinator for Gospel Music According to Chicago, where she also has served on the board. She has taught, consulted, and ministered nationally and internationally, including in Japan, the Netherlands, and Israel.

In 2000, Evans Reid received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Arkansas Baptist College, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Evans Reid lives in Chicago, Illinois, and has one son.

Lou Della Evans Reid was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 3, 2022.

## Related Entries

**Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1950 to 2000]

**Music Minister**

**Various Hospitals** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1960 to 2007]

**Surgical Nurse**

**First Church of Deliverance** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Music Adviser**

**Lou Della Evans Reid Traditional Gospel Choir** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Director**

**Gospel Music According to Chicago** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Music Coordinator**

**Gospel Music According to Chicago** [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

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