Homegoing

Services

for



December 19, 1935 - August 20, 2010

Friday, August 27, 2010 Viewing 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon Service 12:00 Noon

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH 66 S. Grove Street • East Orange, NJ *Rev. Joseph Oniyama, Officiating*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Congregational Hymn "When We All Get To Heaven"

Prayer of Comfort

Resolutions from Friends

Scriptures Old Testament - Psalm 23 New Testament - Romans 8:28 v35-39

> Solo Deacon Norman Abraham

Reflections Poem by Bolden Mann

Resolution Calvary Baptist Church

> Obituary Mattie Mann

Musical Selection Voices of Faith

Eulogy Rev. Joseph Oniyama

Recessional

<u>Interment</u> Rosehill Memorial Park Linden, New Jersey

<u>Reflections of Life</u>

Bertha M. Mann was born on December 19, 1935 in Salem, Virginia. She lived at 219 Water St., attending Carver School from grades 1-12. For four years she was both a cheerleader for the football team and a point guard for the Carver Eagles basketball team. She graduated from Carver in 1954 as the class treasurer. She was baptized by Rev. C. J. Smith at 1st Baptist Church where she also served as an usher. She attended nursing school for two years before moving to Newark, NJ and then to East Orange where she resided for forty-six years.

During her life she was known as a sister, mother, Aunt "Bert" and most recently as "Nana".

She was short and sweet and strong and stern. If you spent anytime around her at some point you heard "I don't play that!"

When Bertha first came to New Jersey she worked for the Mattel Toy Company and then for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield company where she retired after thirtythree years.

In her adult life, just as in her youth, Bertha was always a sports fan following basketball, football, tennis and golf. But most of all she loved bowling. She was a member of several bowling leagues and teams. On Fridays, she bowled in the NJ Satellite league. On Saturday, Mixed League on the "TRY THIS" team. In the summer, she bowled in the Gold Bowling league. She often took trips to the national bowling tournaments and loved the company of all of her bowling team mates. And she was a member of the Lords and Ladies Club.

Bertha loved our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And it was reflected in her dedication as a usher for Calvary Baptist Church for many years.

On Friday, August 20, God called her and asked her to come home.

She was the sixth of ten children born to Bolden and Daisy Mann. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Guilford, Clifford, Lawrence, Florence and Tracy.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her children, Tony (Colette) in Chicago, IL and Pamela in Roanoke, VA and Amira in East Orange, NJ; her siblings, Mattie, Martha and B. Thomas (Lois) and Charles; her grandchildren, Rhea, Ibn, Jerome, Sydney and Michelle; and last but not least her longtime girlfriend, Ms. Bertha Horne in East Orange, NJ.

She will be loved and missed by a host of other relatives, church family, friends and neighbors.

She Needed The Quiet

She needed the quiet so He drew her aside, Into the shadows where they could confide Away from the bustle where all the day long She hurried and worried when active and strong. She needed the quiet, no prison her bed, But a beautiful valley of blessings instead.

She needed the quiet so He drew her aside. What you suffered you told but few, You never deserved what you went through. Tired, weary, you made no fuss, But you tried so hard to stay with us. Silent thoughts hold precious memories.

We watched you suffer, We heard you sigh. But all we could do, Was just stand by. We lived in hope and prayed in vain, For God to make you well again. But He decided we must part, We watched you go with broken hearts.

In God's care you rest above, In our hearts you rest with love, Memories of you are ours to keep, Our words are few, our love is deep.

Acknowledgement

The family of *Bertha M. Mann* would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon them during this time of bereavement. May God Bless You!

> Memorial Donations can be made to the National Lung Association.

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