

*Celebrating the Life of
Sister Pearl (Smothers) Dupree*

February 6, 1926 - February 12, 2011



*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith."*

Service

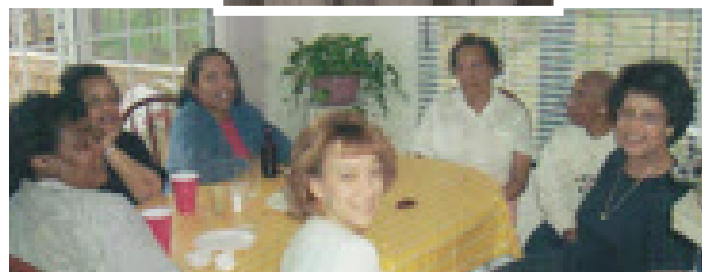
Saturday, February 19, 2011 - 1:00 p.m.

NEW CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

16-18 Bridge Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

Rev. James E. Salmon, Sr., Pastor



Reflections of Life

Sis. Pearl (Smothers) Dupree was born on February 6, 1926 in Powhatan, Virginia to the late Moses and Rose (Murray) Smothers. She was educated in the Cumberland County School District.

In the mid 1940's she moved to Paterson, NJ where she met and married the love of her life the late Woodrow Dupree. They were married on March 8, 1948.

Pearl joined the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ, under the leadership of the late Rev. Lester I. Glover. After some years, she united with the Gaza Way Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ, under the leadership of Rev. Glover. She attended there until the church burned down. In later years, she joined the New Christian Missionary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ, under the leadership of the late Rev. Roger L. Douglas. She remained a faithful and respected member, under the leadership of Rev. James E. Salmon, Sr., until her death. She was a member of the Missionary Board.

Pearl was employed for many years as an assembler at Paterson Lamp Shade, Paterson, NJ.

She was predeceased by one sister, Louise Johnson, six brothers, Billy, Thomas, Letcher, Benjamin, Clarence and Albert Smothers.

On the afternoon of Saturday, February 12, 2011 death's angel came gently and quietly to the bedside of Sis. Pearl (Smothers) Dupree, at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ and took her home. Her soul winged it's flight from a world of sin, sorrow and pain, to a place of eternal rest.

"Dupree" as she was lovingly called by her godson, leaves to cherish wonderful memories: a devoted godson, Calvin (Mavis) Jefferson of Paterson, NJ; a brother-in-law, Isaiah and sister-in-law, Elmira Dupree of Danville, GA; three devoted nieces, Ruth Ann (Raymond) Buggs and Vera (John) Smith of Virginia and Joan Epps of Paterson, NJ; a devoted great niece, Yavette Lewis of Paterson, NJ; and a host of nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, cousins, church family; a loyal friend, Inez McPhail; and friends at the Colt Arms Apartment Building.



Order of Service

Congregational Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Scripture Psalm 46:1-5, John 14:1-10

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Choir

Personal Expressions Nieces
Ruth Ann Buggs
Vera Smith

Remarks Deacons, etc.

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Reflections of Life Niece
Laura A. Evans

Selection Choir

Words of Comfort Rev. James E. Salmon, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

Cedar Lawn Cemetery

Paterson, New Jersey

It is hard to realize, but is true,
That our battle for the prize must go on without you.
But you finished your task the other day
Folded your tent and went away,
You left us, yes you left us
And this we can't undo;
And while you cannot come back to us
We're glad we can come to you.
They tell me that the records will show,
That you died the other day.
But from the record I can show,
You just went away.
We are going to miss your singing,
And the power in your prayer,
The sunshine and joy you were always bringing,
Doing your bit from year to year.
Oh, we just know that you are not dead;
And that's not the word to say;
You fit too well the scripture we've read,
You're just away, you're just away.

~ The Family

Acknowledgements

The Family would like to express their sincere thanks for the many prayers, courtesies, acts of kindness, and expressions of sympathy extended to them during this time. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.

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