Celebration of

Life for

Sunrise July 7, 1924

Sunset December 7, 2011

Sister Delores Lena Petty

Friday, December 16, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

GOODWILL BAPTIST CHURCH 642 Crotona Park South Bronx, New York 10456

Rev. Dr. Booker T. Sears, Jr., Pastor Brother Mark Newsome, Musician

<u>Obituary</u>



**Delores Lena Petty (Nee: Parks)** was born on July 7, 1924 in Miami, Florida to the late Benjamin and Catherine Parks. Delores departed this life on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 after a long illness at Isabella Nursing Home in Manhattan, New York.

Delores received her public education from the Dade County Schools in Miami, Florida. She later met and married the late

Samuel James Petty, Sr. The couple later relocated to New York where they were blessed with two children, Catherine Elizabeth and Samuel James Petty Jr.

Delores loved children so much that in her middle years she decided to become a childcare provider, nurturing and loving dozens of children from infancy thru the onset of puberty. She was loved and respected by everyone. Her laugh was like a beautiful melody that could melt the bitterest heart.

Delores loved spending time with family and friends, especially her beloved children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who she adored. She was the true definition of "Mother". Before her illness, she attended Goodwill Baptist Church and was a member of the Florida Fellowship Club.

She loved shopping, taking trips to various amusement parks, hosting parties, giving cookouts for family and friends and traveling to Atlantic City. The joy and laughter she brought to all our lives will remain in our hearts forever.

Delores leaves to cherish her loving memory: her two devoted children, Catherine Turner (Herbert Turner) and Samuel Petty Jr. (Yvette Petty); three grandchildren, Sean Turner (Genara Turner), Latia Turner and Kwame Turner; nine great grandchildren, Quashawn, Shauniece, Aaliyah, Tyliyah, Autumn, Geneya, Shekendia, Chanel and Jayda; a host of nieces and nephews; a treasured niece and nephew, Marie Brooks and Leon Petty; two God daughters, Shenik Turner and Ellen Witherspoon; special friends, Lucretia Thompson and Geraldine Nelms. Last but not least, a heartfelt thank you to Patricia Robinson who was like a daughter to her. Although she was battling health issues of her own she visited with our beloved mother practically every day from the beginning of her illness until her departure from this earthly plane.

Order of Service

Processional & Last Passing Glimpse Clergy & Family
Selection Combined Choir
Scriptures Old Testament Psalm 23 New Testament John 14:1-6
Prayer of Comfort
Selection Combined Choir
Remarks Deacon Silas Thompson, Deacon Ministry In Behalf of the Goodwill Church Family
Resolutions The Florida Fellowship Ministry
Acknowledgement of Condolences Sister Beverly Stinson
The Obituary Sister Beverly Stinson
Selection Combined Choir
Words of Comfort Rev. Booker T. Sears Jr. Pastor, Goodwill Baptist Church

The Benediction

The Recessional

Interment Mt. Holiness Cemetery Butler, New Jersey

A Silent Tear

Just close your eyes and you will see all the memories that you have of me. Just sit and relax and you will find I am really still there inside your mind. Don't cry for me now that I am gone for I am in the land of song. There is no pain, there is no fear so dry away that silent tear. Don't think of me in the dark and cold for here I am no longer old. I am in that place that's filled with love known to you all, as "UP ABOVE"



Acknowledgement

The family of **Sister Delores Petty** wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the support and love extended by all during this time of sorrow

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