

Celebrating the Life of



Sadie L. Durham

“Say Honest”

Sunrise
August 15, 1932

Sunset
June 4, 2012

Service

Friday, June 8, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

GRACE BIBLE CLASS CHURCH

54 Pine Street
Passiac, New Jersey

Rev. Bernard Durham, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Sadie Laverne Durham was called to her heavenly home on Monday, June 4, 2012. She was born on August 15, 1932 in Passaic, New Jersey to the late Lucinda Landy and Tobb Smith. She was married to the love of her life, Bernard Durham, Sr. on January 21, 1951 until his passing in March 2010.

Sadie was employed by the City of Passaic for over 50 years – for 10 of those years she was the personal assistant to the late Mayor Robert Hare, worked in the Recreation Department, Urban Crisis Center, and in the Senior Center working with “her seniors” until she retired last August at the age of 79. She was a member of the National NAACP, the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Team and the Daughters of the Elk. She was an active and devoted member of the Grace Bible Class Church in Passaic for over 50 years. She was very involved in the City of Passaic providing insight to local politicians on the specific needs of the local citizens, and rallying governmental leaders to support the city.

Sadie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. She was affectionately known as “Nanny” to her grandchildren and great grandchildren who loved her and looked forward every Sunday to wonderful Sunday dinners after church. Above all, Sadie believed in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was known to refer to Him as the “Master” of her life. Through her undying faith, she told everyone she came in contact with about the power in the name of Jesus. She possessed a quiet strength and willingness to help anyone. She generously gave to others in need, without question or explanation. Her life was a true testament to the following verses:

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not begrudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernard Durham, Sr.; two brothers, William Neilley and Eugene Neilley; three sisters, Jeanette Jackson, Ruby Neilley, and Marion Neilley.

Sadie L. Durham leaves to cherish precious and wonderful memories her five children: daughter, Cheryl Durham Weaver (Raymonte); sons, Rev. Bernard Durham, Jr. (Emily), Jerard Durham, David Durham (Tomeika), Elliott Durham (Aida), and Vernon Nealy (Sharon) who she raised like a son; a brother, Dorsey Hayes (Doris) of Tallahassee, Florida; twenty-three grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy

Invocation

Hymn

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of ComfortMinister Sam McClary

Musical SelectionGrace Bible Choir

Words of Encouragement

Musical SelectionGrace Bible Choir

Family FriendMr. Eugene Bragg

PresentationMr. Calvin Merritt
President, Passaic NAACP

Reflections of LifeJoy E. Durham

Musical SelectionGrace Bible Choir

EulogyRev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Musical SelectionGrace Bible Choir

Recessional

Interment
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey



My Dear Mom

*I know that everyone thinks
Their Mother is the best,
Well let me just inform them
all, That we're the ones
who's blessed. There's no other Mom like you,
Of that I am quite sure,
For no matter what the pain,
You always had the cure.*



*Love,
Your Children*

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Sadie Durham** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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