Homegoing Service

Celebrating the Life

Willie Mae Pressley

Sunrise December 24, 1931

Sunset March 23, 2014

"Servant of God Well Done"

<u>Service</u> Thursday, March 27, 2014 ~ 11:00 am

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church 1002 Rivington Street Roselle, New Jersey 07203 *Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor*

I Have A Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me, Forget your grief and fears, For I am in a perfect place Away from pain and tears. It's far away from hunger And hurt and want and pride, I have a place in Heaven With the Master at my side. *My life on earth was very good,* As earthly life can go, But Paradise is so much more Than anyone can know. *My* heart is filled with happiness And sweet rejoicing too. To walk with God is perfect peace, A joy forever new. ~ Unknown



Reflections of Life

Willie Mae Pearson Pressley was born on December 24,

1931, to the late Willie Joseph Pearson and Ada Chambers Pearson in Bishopville, South Carolina. She was the third of five children born to their union. On Sunday, March 23, 2014 at the age of 82, God's Angels came to escort her home.

Willie Mae was educated in the Lee County Public Schools. She attended the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church where she gave her life to Christ at an early age. In 1953, she moved to Linden, New Jersey. She was employed at Atlantic Romper and Griffin Electronics for a number of years and later the Electro-Catheter Corporation from 1971 until her retirement in 1998. She met and married her beloved Perry Pressley and they resided in Roselle for several years before settling in their final home in Linden in 1967.

She continued her relationship with God and was a faithful and dedicated member of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. She served in many capacities: the Flower Club, Dorcas Missionary Society, Church Anniversary Committee, Church Repast Committee, Nurses Unit and as an honorary member of the Pastor's Anniversary Committee. She was also a faithful Sunday School attendee.

Willie Mae treasured spending time with her friends, extended family, daughter, two granddaughters and her two great grandsons. She was an avid bowler and served as president of her club, loved walking and exercising in the park with friends, playing the piano, collecting butterfly objects and was noted in the neighborhood for her flower garden. Reading and studying the Bible and doing Bible puzzles were also some of her passions. She was also a devoted caretaker of many of her nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband, as well as brothers James and Frank Pearson.

Left to cherish her memories are: one daughter, Jeannette Ellis (James) of Fredericksburg, VA; two granddaughters, Alissa Ellis-Hawkins of Chesterfield, VA, and Miranda Ellis-Graf of Fulton, MD; two great grandsons, Sebastian and Shiah Graf of Fulton MD; two sisters, Rosa Lee Slater (Jessie) of Bishopville, SC and Mary Mayo of Newark, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Mamie Pearson of Linden and Mary P. Brown of Orangeburg, South Carolina; one brother, Jimmy Simon (Estelle); one god-sister, Ada Mae Wilson; three stepsisters, Shirley Wilson and Rosa Lee Hauser of New York City and Carrie Dizzley of Bishopville, SC; two step brothers, Roland and Joseph Simon of Bishopville, SC and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Submitted by, The Family

Precious Memories







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Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Opening HymnChoir
Scriptures Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3 New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15
Prayer of Comfort
Selection
Words of ComfortDeacon Wesley Coleman Wesley Wilson - Nephew
Acknowledgement of Condolences Trustee Eudora Winston
Obituary
SelectionChoir
Eulogy Pastor Milton A. Byrd
Recessional

Interment

Saturday, March 29, 2014 ~ 12:00 PM Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church 510 Manville-Wisacky Road Bishopville, South Carolina 29010

<u>Repast</u>

Immediately after the funeral service, Family and Friends are invited to a Repast in the Church's Dining Hall.

> Services Entrusted To: G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC 206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203 www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

Pallbearers Nephews of Willie Mae Pressley

"Perry & Willie Mae Together Hgain"

Hcknowledgement

The family of Willie Mae Pressley acknowledges with our deepest appreciation and gratitude all of your thoughtfulness, kindness and sympathy in her passing. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.



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