



## Almarie Beatrice Wedley

February 16, 1923 - October 19, 2005

Now resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Almarie Beatrice Clark Wedley who entered this life on February 16, 1923, crossed over into eternal rest on October 19, 2005. The daughter of the late Charles Henderson Clark and Elnora Vivian Sheffey Clark, she spent her early years in West Virginia where she graduated from Excelsior High School in War West Virginia. She married her childhood sweetheart, Shirley Tatum. Unto this union was born one daughter, Bonita Tatum. Due to the untimely death of Shirley Tatum, Almarie later met and married Chester Johnson. This union was also fruitful and they were blessed with a daughter, Eleanor Johnson. While married to Chester Johnson, Almarie attended West Virginia State College for two years and before she left West Virginia, she attended Juanita Beauty college in Charleston West Virginia and became a licensed Beautician. When this marriage ended in divorce, she moved to Norfolk, VA while attending Virginia State College. In 1952, she moved to Baltimore, Maryland and received a Baccalaureate Degree of Science in Elementary Education. With a thirst for knowledge, she received a Masters Degree in Mental Retardation and a second degree in Behavioral Disorders from Coppin State College. During this time she met and married Henry Wedley now deceased. Continuing her education she received a three year certificate from Liberty University in Christian Education, a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the Union Institute in Cincinnati Ohio in the area of specific Learning Disabilities with emphasis on reading. Further studies include numerous seminars, workshops and

conferences both in formal and Christian education from the University of Maryland, Columbia University of New York, University of Virginia, Towson State College, Colorado State College and Madrid University in Madrid Spain. Almarie published articles in the American Baptist Evangelic Journal and traveled widely throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean. Almarie was employed by the Baltimore City Public School system for forty years. Being the professional she was this is one of the only venues where she did not mind being called Dr. Wedley or Doc. Her first assignment was in East Baltimore teaching the mentally disabled in Elementary School #147. After six years she was elevated to senior teacher where she remained for fourteen years. She transferred to Hartford Heights Elementary School with a population of over 2000 students where she organized and headed the Special Education Department. She remained in that position for five years. When the Senior teacher position was terminated, Almarie chose to return to the classroom. Although more than qualified, she refused many offers of principal ships. Finally she found a home with the George W. McMechen School #177 where she remained for fourteen years and retired after forty years in education. Almarie was affiliated with the following groups and is a valued member of The Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Iota chapter, National Council of Negro Women The NAACP, Order for Eastern Stars, Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council Inc. Sister Wedley joined Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in 1956 and was an active member of several ministries including Christian Education Ministries, Missionaries Senior Choir #2, Vacation Bible School, Hospitality Ministry, Pastor's Aide and church School. Sister Wedley was a member of the American Baptist churches of the South where she served on the area program board. Sister Wedley was a strong advocate of education and instilled that need in all Mt. Lebonites. Almarie loved and cherished her family. She always put them first. She loved to cook for them during all the major holidays; and loved to vacation with them during the summer months. She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Bonita Capers of New York and Eleanor Smith (Alfonzo) of Baltimore, Maryland. Four

grandchildren, Zane Smith(Scharbette) of Maryland, Roxanna Payne (Gregory) of Maryland, Allan K. Smith of North Carolina, and Pilar Taylor (Lamont) of New York City. Three great granddaughters, Aliyyah Payne, Aminah Payne and Nyah smith. Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of special friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Almarie Beatrice Wedley*

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“ *My condolences to the family & friends of Dr. Weadley. Though she has entered a period of sleep, this is only temporary, as stated at John 5:28. Take comfort in knowing that morning is approaching.##imported-begin##Debbie Spann##imported-end##*

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“ *Bonita & Eleanor: I was schocked to hear of the death of your mother. I have admired her for over 50 years. Her devotion to her parents and daughters was, without question, exemplary. I always admired her never ending quest for knowledge and academic excellence. She was truly an outstanding lady. I extend my heartfelt condolence and I can truly say it was a blessing to have known her.##imported-begin##John H. Lewis, Jr.##imported-end##*

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“ To family and friends: Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. It's at times like this that having people who care helps us to endure the pain that death brings. However, remembering that God cares can bring us even greater comfort. We are assured of His care at 1 Peter 5:7 which invites us to throw our anxiety upon God because He cares for us. He has shown that care in giving His son as a ransom in our behalf (John 3:16). Further, on the basis of that ransom, He will fulfill the resurrection promise found at John 5:28, 29 and Acts 24:15.##imported-begin##M Bedford##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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