



Bessie Marie Norman

March 18, 1918 - January 29, 2006

On Sunday morning, January 29, 2006, at Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, Merciful God called our beloved angel, Bessie Norman to rest from her trials here on earth. Bessie Marie Smith Norman, the eighth child of ten children, was born March 18, 1918 in Rockingham County, North Carolina, to the late Reverend, James Yancey "Cap" Smith and Mrs. Mary J. Deshazo Smith. She received her education from the public institution, Douglas High School, Eden, NC. Shortly upon completion of her education, she married her soul and life mate, Alfred "Nathan" Norman, and together they embarked on rearing eight children of her own. Bessie gave her life to Christ at an early age as a member of her family's church, "Rising Star Baptist," in Virginia, and continued her devotion on as she journeyed to Baltimore; there she remained a faithful servant, and an active member of Greater Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, and served as a part of the Willing Worker's Pastor's Aid, until her illness. She was a devoted Christian, with insurmountable faith, who called upon the Lord until the end. Bessie was married to Alfred "Nathan" Norman for 34 years until he preceded her in death in 1972. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother, and together they reared 8 children, Donald Draper (deceased), Pamela Norman Drake, Angela Shade, Byron Norman, Kay Henson, Keith Norman, Ronald Norman and Janice Norman. Bessie will be truly missed by her wonderful family and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Booker Smith, James Smith, Willie Smith and Homer Smith and four sisters, Ida Smith Millner, Mary Smith Moore, Sally

Smith Clark and Annie Smith. She leaves to celebrate her life: loving sisters, Josephine Smith Hardy, Claudine Woods, Melvinia Spears, Camel Palmer; adopted brother, Charles Millner; 14 grandchildren, Rhonda Bell, Sandra Draper Renee Briggs, Patricia Draper, and Terry Draper, Kia Drake-Cummings, Jason Drake, Nathaniel Norman, Dennis Jones, Tierra Norman, Tanya Warrington, Andre Brown Jr., Aaron Brown, Keisha Brown, and 30 great-grandchildren, Nikia Winchester, Gerald "Chico" Bell, Keysha Stewart, Keenya Stewart, Keyaira Stewart, Duriel Briggs, Brandon Briggs, Donyell Briggs, Radon Spence, Donnicia Spence, Dontaye Draper, Paris Drake-Cummings, London Drake-Cummings, Rome Drake-Cummings, Cairo Drake-Cummings, Zaire Drake-Cummings, Milan Drake-Cummings, Carmen Norman, Justin Bell, Joshua Bell, Christian Bell, Ashley Bell, Isaiah Bell, Quadré Bell, Kierra Langston, André Brown III, Juwan Brown, Terrell Brown, Kayla Langston, Isiah Brown, and 10 great-great grandchildren. She also leaves behind a son-in-law, Edward Drake, daughter-in-law, (more in her heart), Wendy "Carol" Petty Norman, and Patricia Ann Draper, brother-in-law, Leroy Woods. And a special farewell from nephews, Pastor Reginald Thomas, Sr., Steven Simms, Anthony Woods Sr., and Anthony "Tony: Wood Jr., nieces, Alfreda Patterson and a host of other relatives and friends, too numerous to name.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Marie Norman*

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“ *Grandma I still cant beleive you are gone... i miss u more and more everyday.See again some day.. Love u always tierra*

Tierra Morgan - April 13, 2011 at 07:57 AM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. We will be praying for you all!##imported-begin##Landis & Sharon Robinson##imported-end##*

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“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by our loving heavenly father, Jehovah, who comforts us in all of our tribulations. Also please be comforted by his promise of a peaceful new world, which will bring about an end to violence, sickness, and even death. Please read Psalm 37:10,11, Rev.21: 3-5, Isaiah 25:8, and John 5:28,29. Please find comfort in those scriptures.##imported-begin##R Johnaon##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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“ To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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