



Catherine J. Kertley

November 1, 1924 - July 2, 2003

Mother Catherine J. Kertley, daughter of the late Winston and Alice Kertley, was born on November 1, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on July 2, 2003 after a lengthy illness. Mother Catherine met the late James Smith Sr. and out of this union there were eight children. Mother Catherine received her education in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a very kind and loving person. She held various positions and worked tirelessly until her retirement. Mother Catherine was a true mother in Zion. She was a faithful member of Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church for over 30 years. While still a member there, she visited the Pentecostal Church of Deliverance where she received the Holy Ghost in September 1987 and decided to change her affiliation. Mother Catherine was an active member of the Missionary Board, under the auspices of Evangelist Beverly Reese, President and Minister Louise Toms, Vice President since 1987. In the last year she was under Joyce Williams, President of the Missionary Board. She was also a faithful member of the Mother Board under the auspices of Gloria St. Louis. Mother Catherine, dedicated to her calling, continued her ministry work by phone. With her enormous spirit she still managed to get out cards on birthdays and special occasions; no one was left out. She also taught Bible Study at the Oliver Senior Center. She loved singing and praising the Lord and was not ashamed to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to others. She was an avid reader of the Bible but was also able to listen to the Word of God on the radio simultaneously. Like the Apostle Paul, she fought the good fight and

kept the faith to the very end. Mother Catherine leaves to cherish her memory: eight children, Brenda Bridget, Jacquelyn Wallace, James Smith Jr., Kathleen Lucas, Cynthia Robinson, Thomas Smith, Sharon Allen and Mable Collins; one sister Gwendolyn Peterson; sixteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; eleven great-great-grandchildren; four sons-in-law, one granddaughter-in-law and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Catherine J. Kertley

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ Catherine J. Kertley

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ To my grandmother rest and peace Momma we will all miss you we were all there for you. Now you are looking down at us hope to see you when I get there love you. Courtney##imported-begin##Courtney Bridget Sr.##imported-end##

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“ To my aunt: I will always remember the love you had for your family. You have left a tiny hole in each of our hearts. We will miss you. Your niece, Alycia##imported-begin##Alycia Howard##imported-end##

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“ To the family of Catherine Kertley: Reading the obituary of your loved one has touched my heart and I am sorry of your loss, but I want to express my sympathy. Sometimes it helps to know the cause of death and the hope of our dear loved ones. Because of sin we die. (Romans 5:12) Because of the Ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we have the hope of living again. (John 11:25) The Bible assures us of the hope of being reunited with our dear loved ones again in God's New World on a paradise earth, which is so near at hand. (psalms 37:29) I hope these scriptures will bring some comfort to you, as they have to me, during your time of deep sorrow. Please accept my condolence.##imported-begin##Ruth Thomas##imported-end##

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