



Hilda B. Dawson

January 14, 1923 - March 6, 2008

HILDA BERNICE DAWSON, daughter of the late Edith Shipley and Cephas Dare, was born on January 14, 1923, in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on Thursday, March 6, 2008, in Detroit, Michigan. At an early age, Hilda was baptized in the Catholic church and recently she attended Burns Seventh Day Adventist Church with her family in Detroit. While growing up, Hilda attended public schools in Baltimore and New York City and later became a nursing attendant for various families in the New York area. Soon thereafter, she married William Dawson which ended in separation with one child, Gertrude (Peggy). Later in life, Hilda gave birth to Barbara, Sandra (Sandy), Deborrah, Zelma, Donald and Anthony. Peggy and Sandy preceded her to Glory. She loved children, even those were not her biological children. She was affectionately referred to by several names-Mommy, Nana, GG, Ms. Toy, Ms. Hilda and Mom. Throughout her life, she struggled to overcome many obstacles and hardships but despite adversity, she persevered to protect and raise her children. Along the road of trials and tribulations, she met William Davis who became her companion for nearly forty years. Uncle Willie, as he was called, was devoted to Hilda, the children, and grandchildren. Together, Hilda and Uncle Willie stabilized the family for survival and progress. He preceded her in death. Hilda loved arts and crafts. She was always making or sewing something for her family and friends to include pillows, quilts, curtains, dresses, pants and little artifacts for the coffee table. This was one of her ways of giving. And for certain, she gave all that she had to give to her family. She

leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters, Barbara J. Davis (Baltimore), Deborrah Griffith (Detroit), and Zelma Sims of Baltimore; two sons, Donald Small, Sr. (Virginia) and Anthony Small, Sr. (Baltimore); and two sons-in-laws, Clarence Davis and Frank Griffith; one daughter-in law, Orvilla Small; 24grandchildren (Teddy and Lester, deceased); 33great grandchildren (Kierra, deceased); 4great, grandchildren; a sister, M. Louise Coates and a brother, John Franklin Dare, both of Jamaica, NY (her sister, Evelyn Figgs, passed in 1961); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Hilda B. Dawson*

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“ *Hello ! Dawson's ! May I take this time to send my condolences to you all. Lossing Ms. Hilda after 85 years really breaks the circle of life for all. Time can help to heal some of the pain and hurt fron from lossing a dear loved one. Our heavenly father is always there 24 seven to be our comforter and friend as 2 cor 1 :4 say. The time is coming when death will be a thing of the past for all mankind as Isa.25:8 say. I am looking forward to that happening in the future. I hope these thoughts will be postive to read. May all the many cherished memories of Ms.Hilda and time shared keep supporting you all faith on the journey of life ahead.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of Mrs. Dawson. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares: "There is going to be a resurrection." May you experience much comfort and strength every time you think about this wonderful resurrection hope found in the Bible.##imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##*

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“ To the family. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear loved one. May the heartwarming words found at Revelation the 21 chapter, verse 4 bring you comfort and give something to look forward to. It says: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a wonderful time to hold fast to. A time when the feeling of pain in all its forms, along with death, will be gone for good. I hope that you are able to be comforted by these beautiful provisions from God and recored in his word the Bible for our benefit.##imported-begin##Sausha S.##imported-end##

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