



Idella Rankin

April 7, 1917 - August 3, 2003

On April 7, 1917 in Sumpter County, South Carolina God brought forth into this world Idella Beard. Idella was born with her twin brother whom God claimed as His own at birth. She was preceded in birth by siblings Grace and Nathaniel Beard. Idella was a jewel and joy to her parents, the late Elie and Mary Beard. Idella was educated in Sumpter, South Carolina. As a young adult she migrated to Baltimore, Maryland. In 1944 she began a Christian service journey at Pennsylvania Avenue African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church which endured for fifty-nine years. This pilgrimage at Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church fortified her faith in Christ. It also positively affected the history of the church as she served in various church auxiliaries: Missionary Society, Life Council, Bereavement Care, and Vice President of the Nurses Unit to name a few. In 1951 she began a twenty-eight year employment career with Baltimore City Hospitals which ended with retirement on March 30, 1979. Four years after beginning her employment career with Baltimore City Hospitals, in 1955 Idella Beard entered into holy matrimony with Gaither Franklin Rankin. Idella Rankin remained a devoted and faithful wife for thirty-five years until her husband, Gaither, was called from labor to reward. Idella Rankin departed this life August 3, 2003 at Med-Link Hospital in Washington, DC. She was outspoken, pleasant and friendly. She was committed to Christ, her family, her Church and friends. She often sacrificed her strength and other personal resources to help others and to support her church. At family reunions she was adamant about the family worshipping together. Divine

providence dedicated that this commemoration of the life of Idella Rankin would occur on the day which

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“ *Idella Rankin*

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“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow. The Bible helps us to appreciate how Jesus feels for us when a loved one dies. John 11:35 tells us that Jesus gave way to tears upon learning of the death of his friend Lazarus. This gives us assurance that Jesus cares for you during this time of your grief. Jesus also comforts us with the hope of a resurrection. (see John 5:28,29)##imported-begin##Mildred##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 Rankin family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I would like to share with you a scripture that has brought me much comfort during my time of sorrow. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 says, "Blessed be...the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation." Also, John 5:28,29 assures us of the hope of a resurrection in which we will be reunited with our loved ones again. I hope these words from the Bible will bring you comfort as they have me.##imported-begin##Ruth Thomas##imported-end##

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