



Lillian T. Bates

July 12, 1910 - May 24, 2008

LILLIAN THORNTON, the eldest of the late George T. and Minnie Lee, was born on July 12, 1910 in Elberton, Georgia. She departed this life peacefully to be with her Savior on Saturday, May 24, 2008. "Lillie," as she was affectionately known to friends and family, attended Baltimore City Public Schools. She worked as a housekeeper for Goucher College for several years. She worked as a seamstress at the French Shop. She was also employed at Glenn L. Martin during World War II. She retired from Hutzler's Department Store as a seamstress. As a teenager, she met and married John Lightfoot, Sr. and from this union three children were born, John Lightfoot, Jr., Doris Payne and Vernon Lightfoot, all of whom preceded her in death. Later she met and married Miller Bates, who also preceded her in death. At an early age, she was baptized at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where she has been a member for well over eighty years. She was a long-time usher and a member of the Women's Day Club and Missionary Board. She was one of three who were baptized by the founder of the church, Rev. Jones. Now only two remain, and were friends of Lillian, Ms. Elizabeth Patterson and Ms. Ruth Morton. She leaves to mourn: a beloved sister, Melvina Jackson; step-daughter, Shirley Colvin; nine grandchildren, Patrice and Harold Streat, Angela Payne Martise, David and Teresa Payne, Peggy Payne Hall, Joan and Gary Ralston-Payne and Zaketa Lightfoot (Michael and Terry Payne preceded her in death). There are six great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren, one of whom was named after her, Lillian Kalani.

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“ *To the family. I would like to extend my deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. It can be very difficult to find comfort at a time like this, but there is someone that we can look to for comfort and hope. The Bible tell's us that Jehovah is "the God of all comfort, who comforts us through all of our tribulation. (2 corinthians 1:3, 4) And according to his word there will be a ressurection of all who have fallen asleep in death. (John 5:28, 29) So there is comfort for us, and we find it in pages of God's word the Bible. May you find encouragement and help to endure until the fullfillment of those promises.##imported-begin##Sausha S.##imported-end##*

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“ *I offer my sincere condolences. She lived a long life, and I'm sure you learned a lot from her years of wisdom. Yet it wasn't long enough, because Jehovah has made provision for us to recieve evertasting life in a paradise earth. Imagine a cleansed earth like the Garden of Eden, and even our dead loved ones will be there, because God has promised to ressurct the dead. Acts 24:15, Jon 5:28,29 one day we will live in peace and happiness without sickness, death, or other tragedies befalling us as they do now. Even the memory of such things will be forgotten, because Isaiah 65:17 says these things will not be called to mind, neither will they come up into the heart. So family, rejoice in the hope, and may the promise of the ressurection help you to cope in the days to come.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##*

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