



Pearl L. Smith

September 15, 1917 - April 27, 2006

PEARL greeted Hannah and Ernest Dixon on September 15, 1917 in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was the youngest of seven children. On April 27, 2006, God moved in glory, stretched out His hand and called his servant Pearl home to sweet peace and eternal rest. Pearl came to Baltimore at a tender age and attended public schools, where she was an honor student. Pearl was gifted with an ear for music. She played the piano and sang on the choir at the Methodist church where she was baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In 1933, Pearl met and married the late William Smith, Sr. From this union there were eight children, four boys and four girls. "Bill" as he was affectionately known, was the love of her life. They were married forty-four years before he departed home to the Lord. Bill was a devout Catholic. Pearl converted to Catholicism shortly after his death. She attended St. Martin's Catholic Church where her boys were the first black altar boys in Baltimore City. Pearl always made sure her children attended church, being baptized, making their first Holy Communion and getting their Confirmation. In her later years, she attended All Saints Roman Catholic Church, where she is currently a member in good standing. Pearl loved to cook and took pride in her homemaking skills. She baked hot biscuits each and every Sunday for her family. We often kidded her about being the original "Mrs. Smith" because neighbors far and near requested her hot rolls. Pears was a PTA mom. She was a mom who helped the medicine go down and helped you swallow the bitter pill. Whether or not that bitter pill was a failing grade, bad SAT scores,

not getting into college, bad relationship or marriage or one of the grandchildren got into trouble, Mom was there. Long before it became a fad, Mom knew “it takes a village to raise a child.” She worried about our family name and reputation. Therefore she stayed connected to the neighborhood community association , so if anyone saw the Smith children doing something wrong, the news got home before we did. Pearl and Bill had no problem dealing with the issue at hand. They were adept to laying hands on us before the church got to us. Pearl was a member of the NAACP. She did not mind lifting her voice against injustice in the community. Pearl assisted in raising her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You could never forget hearing her say, “Things done by halves are never done right.” She was a Mom who wiped your bottom, kept you on your toes, didn’t let you fall on your head, rubbed your tummy when it hurt and wiped the tears away. She loved to shop and could manage a dollar. She made us feel we were rich, never broke, just a little cracked. She loved to travel. She befriended the stewardesses on United Airlines from Puerto Rico, Mexico to Hawaii. She was affectionately known as “Sugarpie,” a name bestowed upon her by her oldest and beloved grandson, Mark. She was never a sickly woman. Her first illness and hospitalization occurred this February of this year. She has been truly blessed and will join her husband, faithful daughter Regina and son Melvin. Pearl leaves the following nation of God’s kins-people to cherish her memory: seven children, Anita Thompson, Muriel Richardson, Paul Smith, William A. Smith Jr., Nathaniel Smith, Darleen Smith and Gregory Smith; three daughters-in-law, Iris Smith, Mary Regina Smith and Peaches Smith; son-in-law, Leodis Richardson Sr.; thirty-three grandchildren, Mark, Maria, Joseph, Stephen, Susan, Cassandra, Eric and Tara, Camille and Laurence, Patricia, Dawn, Michael and Bonnie, Michele, Regina, Vanessa and Harrison, Darryl and Emily, Charles and Eunice, Gregory, Leodis and Debra, Nathan, Sherrie, Paula, Hannah, Elsa, Amolia, Valda, Lea, Crystal, Natalie, Christopher, Shahadah, Michael, Monique, Parris and George and Tiffany; a host of great-grandchildren, Jerelle, DeMitre, Demarco, Diana, the late Ryan, Aaron,

Brandi, Avery, Tia, Parker, Payton, Ericka, Marcus, Matthew, Devon, Derrek, Gerrod, Gerret, Dominique, Julian, Natasha, Andrea, James, Charles, Charaya, Nakyta, Charles, Marquis, Joshua, Chamell, David, Kennedy, Kendra, Kellie, Delisa, Jhohae, Cassandra, Gregory and Montray; great-great-grandchildren, Aryanna and Charles; niece, Delores Dean-McGill; great-nieces and-nephews, Gregory, Dale, Keith, Leonard, Stephen, Ivan, Berdette and Charles.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pearl L. Smith*

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“ *Hello ! Smith's ! May I send my condolences to you all, the family and friends. When death hits , it breaks the circle of life for all of us. Ms. Pearl was 89 years young, the bible say at Ps.90:10, that some person will live to be 70 years and others 80 years because of speical mightiness. What would life be like when we are able to live forever? The answer is found in the greatest book ever read, the bible, Rev.21:3-5 tell us, no more pain, tear, death, "ALL THINGS WILL BE MADE NEW". I am looking forward to the happening in the near future. Imagine the happiness and joy to be our when the dead are resurrected. May all the cherished memories of Ms. Pearl stay close to your hearts.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##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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“ 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 Jesus Christ 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 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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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She no doubt, was a lovely lady who was loved by many. When we lose someone we love, the pain cuts so deep. We wonder, why did my loved one have to go. we miss them so very much. God never intended for us to suffer through such anguish. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, our foreparents, is the reason why we die today. Romans 5:12. They were created perfect with the prospect of living forever on a paradise earth. If they had been obedient they would still be alive today, and sickness and death would have never happened. This is why Jesus had to die in our behalf. As he himself stated at John 10:10, "I have come so that they might have life and have it in abundance. Very soon that scripture will be a reality when the dead are resserrected back to life. Acts 24:15. I hope that your family find comfort in his promises.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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