



Mrs. Betty Jean James

January 11, 1937 - August 8, 2017

Today, we celebrate the life of Betty Jean James (Mayfield). Mom was God-fearing woman, faithful, generous and very lovable born on January 11, 1937, in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Alfred Mayfield Sr. and Katherine Mayfield. Mom was the oldest of eight siblings, two siblings Michael Mayfield and her beloved sister Helen Murray, preceded her in death.

Betty (mom) accepted Christ at an early age at Lively Hope Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Mom received her education in Birmingham Public School and graduated from Western Olin High School.

On March 3, 1958 our mom Betty Jean James married Arthur James Jr. they raise five children: Sylvia, Yoverlon, Deborah, Carel Dell, and Arthur III which was all loved unconditionally.

In March of 1960 our parents moved to Chicago, Illinois for a better life for themselves and their children. Later on Betty worked for Viracon Dial which became Tru-View, for over 30 years. Betty (mom) raised her five children on the west side of Chicago in Henry Horner Public Housing Authority. In 1974 mom tried love again and was united in Holy matrimony to Ira Pearson.

Betty (mom) became a member of Pilgrim Rest M.B.C. under the leadership of the late Reverend Matthew Thomas and served as President of the Usher

Board with over 50 ushers, seniors and juniors for many years. After the passing of Rev. Thomas, Betty (mom) tried a new beginning with Community Fellowship Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Columbus Ewing and was one of the founders. At Community Fellowship MOM was the first usher there, she loved welcoming people in the Lord's house. She served there for over 32 years and later joined the Trustee's Board.

Betty (mom) enjoyed watching gospel shows, lifetime, westerns and soap operas on TV. She loved being around family and friends. Mom believed in enjoying life to the fullest. Betty (mom) was an extraordinary mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, aunt, friend, neighbor and CHRISTIAN. To know her, was to love her.

Our Heavenly Father came and called Betty (mom) home on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 with open arms. Mom leaves so many memories to be cherished by her children and love ones: Sylvia Hutton (Lawrence), Yoverlon Ward of Birmingham, AL, Deborah Smith (Robert) Carel Dell Weston and her only son Arthur James III;

Two brothers Alfred Mayfield Jr. (Janie) of Radcliff, KY, Daniel Mayfield, of Chicago, IL

Three sisters: Irene Streater, of Chicago, IL, Sophie Russell (Howard) of Pinson, AL and Audrey Lewis, of Birmingham, AL, nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. Visitation Friday 4-7 PM. Visitation Saturday 10:00 at Crossroads Church in Hillside with service to follow at 11:00. Interment Oak Ridge Glen Oaks Cemetery

Tribute Wall



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