In Loving Memory Of

Evangelist Ida Pearl Woodson

Sunrise January 18, 1918

Sunset March 2, 2012

Services

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - 10:00 a.m. **UNION GOSPEL TABERNACLE OF NEWARK, UHCA** 756 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard

Newark, New Jersey 07102

Elder Ricardo Jones, Pastor Elder Rodney T. Hale Sr., Officiant Bishop Robert L. Blount, Eulogist

Precious Memories



We shall remember the legacy of you for sewing clothes, selling cakes, cooking dinner... you made daddy and us so proud. You served the Lord and you taught us to serve as well. You are a gem, our precious jewel that God promised showed through you. We are so blessed to have been members of this family with such an anointed woman of God. May heaven smile upon our family, while grandma is dancing down the Kings highway.

Love you always, Masifir, Amequa, Safiyyah, Sidney and Levi.

Lord bless me this morning, as I make my way Please give me the laughter to warm Pearl's day

Be sure I am steady, be sure I am wise Be sure I am ready, should struggles arise If I shed a tear, Lord, I pray you will see I'm making the most of the chores asked of me As I strive to put her' needs 'fore my own Always stand beside me, so I'm not alone.



Dear Emma, Lynette and Kim..

Our sincerest thanks for giving so much of yourself to provide the care and attention of mommy and we will always remember your dedication your wisdom your compassion and grace. Mommy knew she was in good hands and so did we. We are all so very grateful.

Love Always, The Family...

Home At Last

There are no words, what can I say At last her sweet soul winged it's way To peace and freedom in the sky Where never again will she suffer or cry It's all a part of God's great plan Which is a mystery to man We cannot understand His ways Nor can we count our earthly days But who are we to question and doubt God knows well what He's about He knew she longed to sleep Where only angels are vigil keep The pain of living grew to great No longer could she stay and wait She did not want to leave you, dear But she had finished her work down here So she closed her eyes and when she awoke These are the words the Master spoke Welcome, dear child, you are Home at last And now the burden of living is past There's work for you in the My Kingdom, dear And you are needed and wanted here So weep not, she's just gone on ahead Don't think of her as being dead She's out of sight for a little while And you'll miss her touch and her little smile But you know she is safe in the home above Where there is nothing but Peace and Love And, surely you would not deny her peace And you're glad she has found release Think of her there as a soul that is free. Home at last, where "Ida Pearl" and "Pop" wanted to be.

Acknowledgements

We, the Woodson Family, express sincere appreciation for all of your thoughtfulness and prayers. Your expressions of love and support are greatly appreciated during out time of grief and sorrow. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Special thanks to the members of Mount Carmel Tabernacle who have stood by us and proven yourselves to be loyal friends. We extend our most sincere gratitude to the member of Union Gospel Tabernacle Church Family, Pastor Ricardo Jones, Bishop Robert L. Blount, Kitchen Ministry, Mrs. Beverly Lambert and Choir, Mrs. Sharon Fuller, Minister Houston Williams Jr., The North Jersey District Ushers, Trustees, Deacons and all those who have shown yourself to be part of Grace, for your unfailing support and assistance.

> The Woodson family will receive family and friends for a repast at the Union Gospel Tabernacle Church immediately following the interment.

> > **Professional Services Provided By**

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<u>Order of Service</u> The Celebration of Life

10:00 a.m. Elder Rodney T. Hale Sr., Officiating Former Pastor, Mount Carmel Tabernacle

THE ORGAN PRELUDE	Trustee Kenneth Townsend
THE PROCESSIONAL	
THE OPENING HYMN	Union Gospel Tabernacle Choir
THE PRAYER OF COMFORT	Elder William T. Brown

The Reading Of The Scriptures

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALMS 90:1-12	District Elder Bobbie Smith
NEW TESTAMENT: ST JOHN 14:1-6	District Elder Emmanuel Bizzell
THE GOSPEL: I CORINTHIANS 15: 50-58	Elder Yvonne Waters

THE HYMN OF CONSOLATION Union Gospel Tabernacle Choir

Expressions From The Clergy (2 minutes please)

Tributes

Deacon Elvin McDuffie, Mount Carmel Tabernacle UHCA Deacon Huston Williams Sr., Former President of the Northern District Usher's Department

THE FAMILY TRIBUTE	
SOLO	Mrs. Vernell Scoville, Grand Daughter
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS .	Ms. Barbara J. Sherman
OBITUARY (Silent)	
THE SERMONIC HYMN	
THE EULOGY	Bishop Robert L. Blount Pastor, Emmanuel Pentecostal UHCA, Jersey City, NJ

THE RECESSIONAL

Interment Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery Kenilworth, New Jersey

<u>Obituary</u>

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."



Ida Pearl Woodson saw the glory of the Lord and willingly surrendered her soul on Friday, March 2, 2012. She was born in Dawson, Georgia on January 18, 1918 to the late Bob and Deland Spencer. She was blessed with one son George Worthy (Janie-Deceased). After the death of her first husband, she later married the late Lonnie Woodson and they shared a wonderful life for over forty-five years.

During Ida Pearls young life she was an active member in the church where she developed a love for being an usher-doorkeeper. In 1948 she accepted Christ as her personal savior, from that day forward living a sanctified and Holy Ghost filled life. She became a member

of the St. Phillips United Holy Church of America, Newark, NJ under the leadership of the late Rev. Lena Ragin. She was a faithful member serving as an usher and a Bible Church School teacher. Later on, the Lord called her to the ministry; she accepted the call and began to Evangelize and preached the gospel.

In 1955, she became a member of Mount Carmel Tabernacle UHCA, Newark, NJ under the leadership of the late Elder Lawrence E. Gregory, Sr. Lovingly called Mother Woodson she loved her church and God's people. She always welcomed the saints in her home where she loved to entertain. She was a great cook! The church was in her heart, she cooked many dinners in her home to raise funds for the church. She was the initiator of Mount Carmel's Tabernacle's Annual Women's Day Service. There was never a task too small or too big for her. When the members saw the need for pews for the church, Pearl was the first one to say "We can do it". Immediately she began putting on service's, cooking and selling dinners raising funds for the project. She gave her monies, time and presence to the work of the church. When her late pastor Elder Gregory desired to visit Europe she worked toward giving him that opportunity to make that trip. Evangelist Woodson being a steadfast and diligent servant of the Lord served faithfully rendering service to the Ushers Department of the United Holy Church for approximately sixty plus years.

She served Mount Carmel Tabernacle, UHCA faithfully as President of the Ushers and Missionary Department, Bible Church School Teacher, Trustee Board member and Associate Minister. She also graciously carried the honor and respect as Church Mother. She also served as Second Vice- President and field worker for twenty-five years for the Northern District Ushers Convention, Treasurer to the General Ushers Department for eleven years, North Jersey District Ushers Department where she served as President for twenty years and Vice-President for fifteen years. Evangelist Woodson served as Advisor for the Northern District Ushers Convention and Vice President of the Missionary Department of the North Jersey Union.

She was also a faithful member of the Friendship and Volunteer Club, a women's club, which consisted of members from various churches. They sang, read the bible and fellowshipped. They faithfully celebrated birthdays and gathered together during the holiday season. *"They loved to eat."*

Mother Woodson loved to travel and was always on her post wherever the meetings were held. There was no distance too far for her to travel in her Cadillac. She would drive and didn't mind carrying her fellow usher's with her. When others were packing luggage filled with fancy apparel, Pearl's luggage was packed with new crisp white uniforms and polished white shoes "always ready for duty."

Mother Woodson has always been a lover of children and was a mother indeed. She has reached out and mothered many who have now grown up and will remember and cherish her love.

Mother Woodson was always able to draw people with her warm and winning ways; she loved God and His people and always got great pleasure out of service that glorified Him. She leaves a legacy and a beautiful example for all of us. Her life has been consistent in her love for God and her faithfulness in serving Him. She gave her all until her health failed. Her testimony "I'm glad to be in the number one more time" and "I've been running for Jesus a long time, haven't got tired yet."

Mother Woodson leaves to cherish her memory, two sons George Worthy, Newark, NJ, Danny Earl Woodson, Brooklyn, NY, one daughter, Kya Anderson, (Dwayne) Buford, GA. Guardian to, Emma Bennett, Annie Sims, Willie Sims and LaWanda Vickers. Nephews, Sidney Jordon (Marsha) Union, NJ and Gain Jordon (deceased), Gerald Jordan. Nieces Kimberly Jordan-Hannah (John) Vauxhall, NJ, Masifiri Jordon-Bey (Union, NJ) and Theresa Jordon (deceased). Granddaughters, Lynette Bennett, Jasmine Woodson; Grandsons, Terrance Worthy, George Holmes (LaShonda) Miles Jordan Anderson, Loving Great Grand Children, Goddaughter Cheryl Williams, God son Duane Palmore, devoted Goddaughter Jean Cleveland, United Holy Church of America, Church Family and host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends and many spiritual sons and daughters.

<u> Family Dedications</u>

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies From Son George Worthy and Grandson George Holmes Psalms 31:10

I hear the angels singing See God's arms open wide Well done my good and faithful servant Now be with me in paradise As she walks the street paved with gold As pure and youthful as the day she was born The worries of this world are days of old No pain, no sickness. She is not suffering anymore



No pain, no sickness. She is not suffering anymore Her soul is at rest so dry your eyes and let us celebrate Knowing that if we live right we will see her again in that blessed place.

Grandma,

Thank you for your warmth, keeping our names in constant prayer. For the unconditional love you have shown us. For the wisdom you shared and the foundation you laid that has kept us so close to God all these years. Thank you for everything you've done for us. We love you, we miss you and we'll see you again.

Your grand daughters, Jasmine Woodson and Lynette Bennett