



In Loving Memory of

Rosa Lee Pittman

Sunrise

December 25, 1920

Sunset

August 9, 2012



Viewing

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

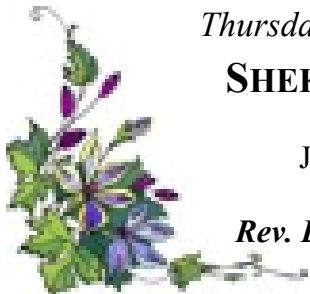
Service

Thursday, August 16, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

SHEKINAH YOUTH CHAPEL

111-54 Merrick Blvd
Jamaica, New York 11433

Rev. Darius C. Thomas, Officiating



Obituary

“Servant of God, Well done”



Rosa Lee Pittman was born in Lula, Georgia on December 25, 1920 to the late Henry and Amy Brown. She was the second oldest to three siblings, two of which preceded her in death. She was raised in a Christian household; at the age of twelve she gave her life to Christ at Thompson St. Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She lived in Spartanburg until the age of nineteen. Sister Pittman no longer wished to reside in the South; she decided to move up North. Sister Pittman was united in Holy Matrimony to her High School sweet heart, the late Heinitsh David Pittman on December 03, 1945 in New York. This union was blessed with two children Cynthia Ann and the late Michael D. Pittman.

Sister Pittman joined Community Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Archie Witsell in Jamaica, Queens for twenty-five years. She worked on the nurses unit for 20 years and was president for ten years. In the midst of organizing the junior nurses unit, her late husband H.D Pittman convinced her to join Allen A.M.E. She joined Allen A.M.E. in 1980 and joined Usher Board # 1. She served as President from 1983 to 1986, preceding the former president.

Sister Pittman was educated in the public school system of Spartanburg, South Carolina and graduated from Cumming Street H.S. as valedictorian. After working for a number of years, she decided that she wanted to continue her education and went back to school. She took up nursing due to having a strong interest in biology and chemistry, and it was a passion and desire of hers from a little girl. She became a Licensed Practicing Nurse (LPN) and received her nursing education at Cornell University. She worked for several hospitals in the City of NY, Elmhurst, Jamaica, and Rikers Island just to name a few. While working she was an advocate to excelling higher above others. She was promoted Supervisor and this gave her lead way to introduce a union that would benefit the nurse's worldwide. Due to being concerned about the welfare of other nurses, Sister Pittman wrote a letter to the State Senator in reference to creating a labor law that would institute a union for all nurses. Out of her concern and being diligent, her letter was founded in favor of by the State Senate and would later become a unionized labor to protect the needs and rights of nurses everywhere. On August 10, 1983 she retired from her work as a nurse.

Sister Pittman resided on 131st street and was involved in many community organizations, Such as, the Democratic Club for the 131st block association, Trustee and Secretary of the City Nurses since 1960 (LPN). She also served as Director and 1st Vice President with the Queens Division Nurses, and worked the polls each year.

The Lord and His tender mercies called this Virtuous woman home to eternal rest on Thursday August 09, 2012 at Margaret Tietz Nursing Home in Jamaica New York. Today she is safe in the arms of her loving Father.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: two daughters, Cynthia Pratt Bronx, NY and Ursula of Germany; one loving sister, Mabel Beckham and brother-in-law, Mose Beckham of East Orange, NJ; two sisters-in-law; Lydia Little NJ and Angeleann Woodson of Flint Michigan; eight grandchildren, Alisa, Daniela, Akia, Tanzerlia, Tameika, Michelle, Tiffany and Michael Jr; six great grands, Ricquon (Ricky), Dennis, Tasheena, Vondell, Sharmise and Zaria; four step grandchildren, Melvin, Brian, Derrick and Elaine; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, great grands, close family members and friends.

Order of Service

- Processional “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
- Scripture Colleen Jordan (“Psalm 121”)
Valerie Little, *Niece* (Luke 18: 1-8)
- Prayer of Comfort Min. Yolanda Deberry
- Solo Min. Yolanda Deberry
“Safe Way”
- Acknowledgements/Condolences Mrs. Betty Jackson
(131st Contributor)
Sister/Neighbor
(Usher Board # 1)
- Obituary read silently
- Solo Dominique Crosland “My Help”
- Eulogy Rev. Darius C. Thomas
Reverend, The Greater Allen AME Cathedral of NY
- Benediction Rev. Darius C. Thomas

Interment

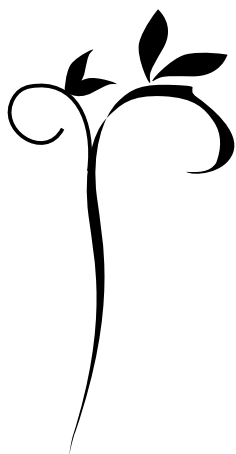
Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York



Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder why I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*

-unknown author



Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to
their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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