

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.



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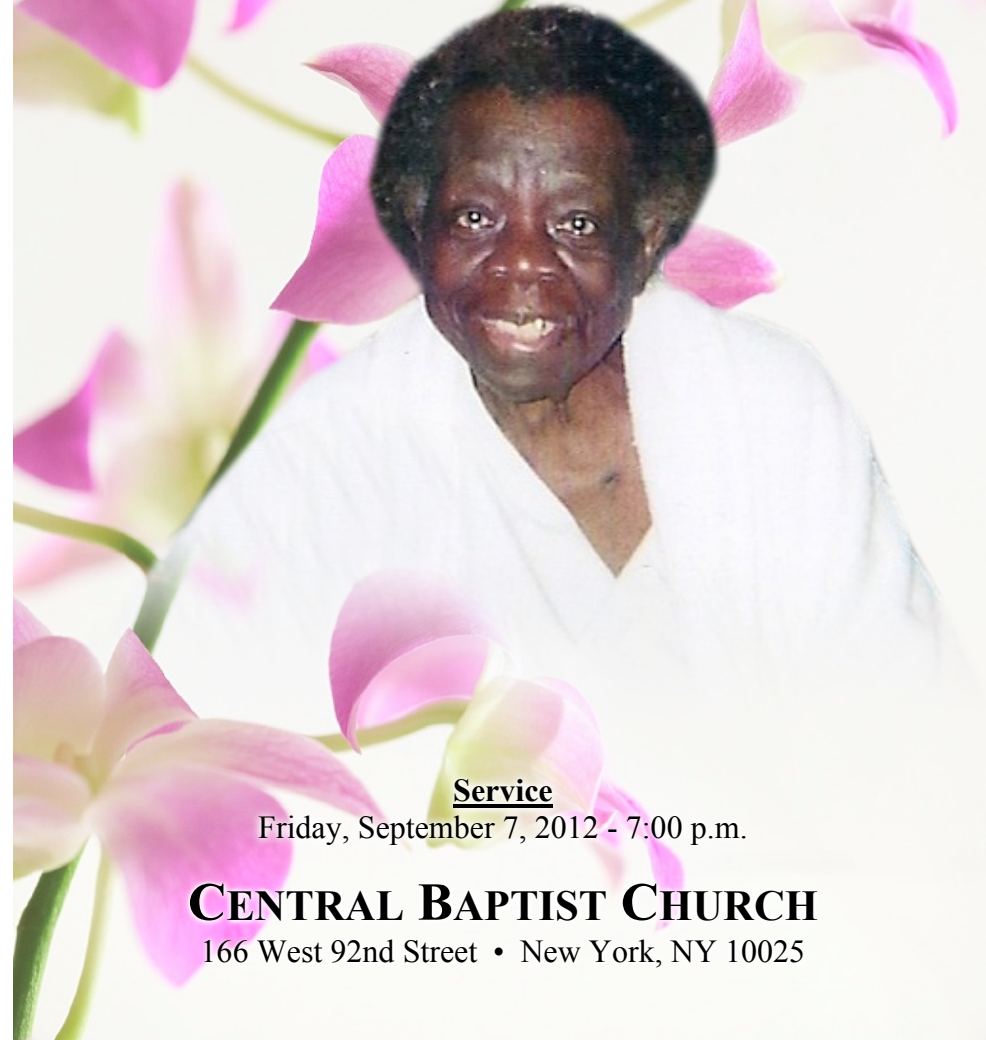
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In Loving Memory of

Armanda Coates

Sunrise
March 17, 1924

Sunset
August 26, 2012



Service

Friday, September 7, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

166 West 92nd Street • New York, NY 10025

Obituary

Armanda and Mary were born on March 17th, 1924 which we known as St. Patrick's Day a set of fraternal twins from Eddie Mae & Joseph Green, in a small town in Macon Georgia.

Eddie Mae and Joseph Benjamin Green had 14 children 9 sons and 2 sets of twins 1 set who are deceased. Armanda & Mary as well as other siblings Daniel, Benjamin, David, Richmond and Thomas Green, had to endure extreme ridicule hard times struggles as well as success in their lives in those years.

As Armanda and Mary grew older the struggles became a little more bearable Why? Because they came from a solid background and were grounded in God's word and lived it.

Armanda's journey's became her ventures it took her to higher grounds, all the way to working in the church a devoted choir member at Macon Baptist Church cooking, quilting, sewing, and sometimes laying hands , but only by the Pastor's direction. "Sister you have a gift" While being humble that's what the elders say "Only by God's grace".

Mama loved Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin, Rev. James Cleveland, Mahalia Jackson, The Five Blind Boys, Otis Redding just to name a few. As venturing thru life Armanda always said "I ain't walking by myself I'm walking with God and you should too". He walked her right into the Armed Forces where she also became a civilian Head Chef making the food looking delicatiable as well as tasting good. "You could smack yourself as others would say".

Armanda attended Sunday school, she was a backup cook while assisting her mother and creating other dishes. Her favorite dishes were Butter Roll, Banana Pudding, Apple turnover pastries, Peach Cobbler and Homemade Ice Cream, "If you don't know you better ask somebody". others would say. She taught her children very well, but her best and favorite past time was singing while reading her Bible in the rocking chair. Those were some of her favorite things she liked as well as playing and cooking up some good old whiting, bluefish with grits, eggs and her favorite homemade biscuits and Ice tea with her children, grandchildren, family as well as friends.

Armanda was a very strong black woman when she met Pearlie Coates Sr. before he went into the World War II in 1948. They married and a union was created, the bond between Armanda and her children became one of what God knew what he was doing. Armanda had 7 children 5 sons and 2 daughters, Pearlie Jr., Melvin, Lawrence, Calvin, Georgiana, John, and Vivian Coates.

Their union created a bond of children which absorbed into basketball teams, Central Baptist Church basketball teams and Rucker's , Goddard Riverside handball teams, Karate tournaments, park games, roller-skating teams, football teams, instrumentalist, and singers while they all participated in various Trinity school functions where Armanda worked as a nurse, nutritionist, Instructor, Captain of the tenant Association for Stephen Wise Tower, Founder of 90th Street Gardens which is now renamed "Community Gardens" a part-time director of Goddard Riverside Senior Citizen Center, also Armanda and Pearlie were Sunday school teachers and Vacation Bible study parents who opened up their home to the people of the community but most of all the children had lots of fun with them, while they were able to teach God's word. These were services Armanda loved to do while her husband worked and she gave her children all of her heart and soul in whatever she did. Pearlie and Armanda (Mandy) went stomping at the Savoy, Baby Grand, Smalls Paradise and the famous Cotton Club was their favorite.

Armanda lived a very rich and humble life in God she trusted to carry her thru her legacy that will be lived thru her only living brother, Thomas Green, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Green of Atlanta, (Liz) Ida Green, and her only living sisters LulaMae Henry, her daughters-in-law, Denise, Nancy Christine, Patty and Carla, her grandchildren, Letitia, Benjamin, Eustacia, Israel, Gekira, Lashonda, Lamar, Vanessa, Jerome, Lawrence Jr., Gabriella, Kymel, Aisha and Ivory Coates, all the grand's that she will meet and watch over from the Heaven.

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Order of Service

Prelude Greg Royals

Processional

Welcome/Opening Prayer Senior Pastor John Fils-Aime

Congregational Hymn (37) "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:6

Selection Georgiana Lewis

Prayer of Comfort Minister Cheryl Wilson

Selection Cort Creek

Obituary Pearlie Coates Jr.

Tribute/Remarks (2 minute max please)

Selection Central Baptist Choir

Eulogy Pastor John Beckham

Farewell Selection Georgiana Coates

Close of Service Senior Pastor John Fils-Aime

Final Disposition

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