Celebrating the Life and Triumph of

Sunrise July 28, 1935

Sunset October 22, 2012

Mother Louella Sowell-Speight

Services

Saturday, October 27, 2012

ST. PAUL SOP CHURCH

587-93 Eighteenth Avenue Newark, NJ 07103

Bishop Cleveland Blash, Jr., Pastor

<u>Obituary</u>

Mother Louella Sowell-Speight was born on July 28, 1935 to the late Manson and Annie Sowell in Lamar, South Carolina. She was the only girl and the eldest of five children. She departed this life and entered into eternal rest with his Heavenly Father early on Monday, October 22, 2012.

Mother Speight was educated in the North Carolina School system. She was employed by a local hotel in North Carolina and later in Washington, D.C. as a housekeeper for many years.

On August 18, 1951, she entered into Holy Matrimony to the late Deacon James Thomas Speight and from this union a daughter was born, Doris Ann who preceded them in death.

In 1985, she relocated to New Jersey to reunite with her husband. In that same year, she also accepted Jesus as her LORD and Savior at Mt. Zion F.B.H. Church in Linden, New Jersey where she served as a faithful member under the late Pastor Minerva W. Steele.

In 1997, she became a member of Blessed Tabernacle Church where she attended and served faithfully as the Chair of the Mother's Board, President of Mothers with a Powerful Prayer & Praise, a member of the Senior Choir, and a committee member of the Helping Hand under her Pastor, Reverend Denise Dance.

As a woman known for her love of traveling the world and seeking new adventures in different places, her love for diverse and exquisite jewelry gracefully adorned her, telling stories of the places she had visited. Her love of fine jewelry and travel were not overshadowed by the joy she found in cooking. Anyone who was blessed to sit at her table knew instantly what a Mother's Love really was with each bite of her famous Southern Style Cuisine; and they never left her home hungry or in want. Indeed the things Mother loved were shared with the people she loved.

Mother Speight was predeceased by four brothers: (TJ, Charlie, Vern, & Jessie).

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: her brother, Frank Sowell of Greensboro, NC; two daughters, Marie Hunter of Bloomfield, NJ and Min. Geneva Smith of Woodbridge, NJ; one grandson: Andre Wilkins of Bloomfield, NJ; two sister-friends, Mrs. Liddy Fields (Johnnie) of Roselle, NJ and Mrs. Rosa-Lee Newton (Bennie) of Snow Hill, NC; two God-daughters, Ms. Nekia Fields of Hillside, NJ and Ms. Ashley Sims of Woodbridge, NJ; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and one close nephew, Mr. Jesse "Junior" Sowell (Margaret) of Washington, DC.

GOD SAW THE ROAD WAS GETTING ROUGH THE HILLS WERE HARD TO CLIMB SO HE GENTLY CLOSED YOUR WEARY EYES AND WHISPERED PEACE BE THINE.

> Lovingly submitted, The Family

Order of Service

Minister Sharon James, Presiding Reverend Denise Dance, Eulogist

Prelude Organist
Processional
Hymn
Prayer of Comfort
Old Testament Scripture Psalms 90:1-4 Apostle Roxanne Barnes
New Testament Scripture 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58 Minister Geneva Smith
Moments of Reflected Praise: A Medley of Mother's Favorite Songs Congregants
Expressions of Love (Two Minutes, Please)
Special Words
Family Tribute Pastor Tawana Fields (Niece)
Acknowledgements, Condolences, Resolutions, Obituary
Special Solo Tribute
Eulogist

Final Viewing

Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey

ASLEEP

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay, You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you all must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way, When I was down, you knew what to say... You always told me, "get some rest", Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I thank God because He came for me.

Acknowledgements

We, The Family of **Mother Louella Sowell-Speight** extend our appreciation and gratitude for the prayers, love, kindness, phone calls, and sincere sympathy expressed during our bereavement.

May God Bless You.

Submitted with Love, THE FAMILY

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