

Celebrating The Life of
Mamie Ethel Delois Spencer

Sunrise
February 12, 1932

Sunset
October 28, 2016



Thursday, November 3, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Matthew A.M.E Church

336 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey

The Rev. Dr. Lanel D. Guyton, Pastor, Officiating
Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts, Eulogist
Russell Walker, Organist

Obituary

Mamie Ethel Delois Spencer (nee Pretty) was the daughter of the late Clementine (nee Rogers) and Otha Pretty, Sr. She spent her formative years in Raleigh, NC, where she attended Washington High School and St. Augustines College.

She came to New Jersey in the late 1950's. Upon arrival to NJ, she married another Carolinian, Louis C. Spencer. Unto that union two daughters were born, Harriet (Renee) and Carolyn.

Ethel worked at Burry's Biscuit Factory. She then found the job she loved the most, caring for babies and the sick. She was employed as a Nursing Assistant for 33 years at Saint Michael's Medical Center.

Ethel was known for her love of children.

After retirement from Saint Michaels, she provided childcare with love to many children in her home: Ranelle and Rianne who were like grandchildren to her; Kiana, Tyler, Patrick, Nia, Olivia, Tina, Talaria, Tanna and their sisters and many other children.

Ethel was also known for her love of flowers and gardening. She enjoyed going to the movies and to the East Orange Senior Center, where she participated in many activities including Red Hat Society meetings.

Ethel was a faithful member of Saint Matthew AME Church and served on the Flower Club.

She was extremely proud of her grandchildren and their educational accomplishments whom she also cared for while Renee and Carolyn worked: Clenton Louis Coleman, MD; Jasmin Joi Spencer, MBA and Chelsea Delois Coleman, Esquire. She was also very proud of her dear son-in-law, Clenton, who was always there if she needed anything.

Ethel was a caring friend to many and loved her Leslie Street neighbors.

The family wishes to thank Velma Roberts Swann and Chloe Moore for the care and love they provided during her illness, as well as the SBMC/RWJ Hospice VNA staff.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many.

She leaves to mourn: two daughters, Harriet Renee Spencer-Coleman and Carolyn Spencer; a brother, Otha Pretty Jr. of Raleigh, NC and sister-in-law, Jerri Pretty; son-in-law, Clenton Coleman; grandchildren, Clenton L. Coleman, Chelsea D. Coleman and Jasmin Joi Spencer; Myrandele Damien-Coleman, wife of grandson, Clenton; great grandsons, Christian and Noah; nephews, Vincent Pretty (Zenobia) and Marlon Pretty (Alexis) and their families; cousins, Carolyn and Doris Rogers; and many other relatives and descendants of Hicks and Rogers Families of Raleigh, NC.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family
Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”....Brother Russell Walker, I
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dolly Ryan-Roberts
Scripture Readings.....Reverend Dolly Ryan-Roberts
 Old Testament - Psalm 23
 New Testament - John 14:1-6
Selection.....Brother Russell Walker, I
Remarks.....Family and Friends (2 minutes please)
Acknowledgements and Resolutions
Obituary.....Vincent L. Pretty
Selection.....Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Shirley Roberts
Recessional.....Clergy and Family
Committal.....Reverend Dr. Lanel D. Guyton

Cremation (Private)
Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

Repast after the Committal in the Church Dining Hall

Peace Be Thine

God saw you were getting weary
So he did what he thought best.
He came and stood beside you
And whispered **"Come And Rest."**
You bade no one a last farewell,
No, not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
We shall forever cherish the love,
And memory of you.
You have been everything to us
A mother, a grandmother, a sister, an aunt,
a friend.
God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills so hard to climb.
So he gently closed your loving eyes And
whispered, **"Peace Be Thine."**

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mamie Ethel Delois Spencer** thanks all of you for your many expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God bless all of you.

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