

*The Angels  
are Waiting at  
Heaven's Gates  
for*



*Dorothy  
Pearl Smith*



# 23rd Psalm

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 paths

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.

Thy goodness and mercy shall

follow me all the days of my life

and I will dwell in the house of

the LORD for ever.

In  
Loving  
Memory  
of

Dorothy  
Pearl Smith

02.15.42 - 04.23.24

Friday, May 03, 2024

Viewing: 12:00 PM | Service: 1:00 PM

**JERUSALEM TEMPLE CHURCH**

414 Ivy Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350

Suffragan Bishop Stanley Jones, Pastor

Bishop Clifton Jones, Officiating



# Order of Service

Processional

Program Guide, Evelyn Lyons-Triplett

Musical Selection ..... Praise Team

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament ..... Elder Willis Lyons

New Testament ..... Suffragan Bishop Stanley Jones

Prayer ..... Suffragan Bishop Stanley Jones

Musical Selection ..... Praise Team

Tributes (Two Minute, Please) ..... Friends and Family

Acknowledgements

Obituary Reading ..... Evelyn Lyons-Triplett

Solo ..... Suffragan Bishop Stanley Jones

Eulogy ..... Bishop Clifton Jones

Final Viewing

Recessional

## Acknowledgements

The family of Dorothy Pearl Smith would like everyone for all acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Your prayers, calls, texts, cards, and all other meaningful deeds you all did will always be remembered and greatly appreciated. May our lord and savior continue to bless each and everyone.

# Obituary

Dorothy Pearl Smith was born to the late Clara Mae Lyons and Hertha Grady in Philadelphia, MS, on December 15, 1942.

Dorothy was a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, where she met Rudolph Tatum (who she later married). Dorothy moved to Chicago, IL, where she worked at the University of Illinois Hospital and worked at a private home care facility until she retired and moved back to her hometown. While back home, Dorothy worked at Val's market.

Dorothy was a faithful member of Jerusalem Temple Church. She was also a member of the Eastern Stars Organization, which she would brag and boast about all the time. Dorothy loved cooking, getting her money, watching her soap operas and talking with her loved ones, daily. Most of all, she was one of the sweetest, nurturing and caring person in the world.

On April 23, 2024, Dorothy crossed over into Glory at Neshoba General Hospital. Those left to cherish memories of her life: her children, Marvita Tatum and Melissa Tatum; her adopted children, Alan Smith, Nakia Smith and Alexis Smith; her grandchildren, Laporshia Mcbeth-Harris, Corey Tatum, Cordareo Jones, Cortaize Tatum, Jasmine Tatum, Tommie Williams, Keynon Tatum and Everett Tatum; her brother, Morris Lett; her sisters, Ethel Charles and Gloria Edwards; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and life long friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Randy Tatum; daughter, Mary Tatum; six brothers, Johnie Wayne (Eva) Grady, Larry (Florine) Grady, Willie Lett, George Lett, Larry Lett and Lester Lett; one sister, Dorothy Fay Grady; She will be greatly missed and never forgotten.

The background of the entire page is a close-up, soft-focus image of several pink roses. The petals are layered and create a textured, romantic feel. The color is a consistent shade of light pink.

# *Tribute*

## *Letter From Heaven...*

*As I sit in Heaven And watch y'all everyday, I try to let y'all know with signs I never went away. I hear y'all when you're laughing, and watch y'all as you sleep. I even place my arms around y'all to calm y'all as you weep. I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home. So I try to send y'all signs so y'all know you are not alone. Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me. Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see. So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourselves, be free! Then I know with every breath y'all take you'll be taking one for me.*

*~ From, Dorothy*

Granny (Baby) Although you are in a much better place, I'd prefer you here with me. I'm just not ready to never hear your sweet voice again. I'm gonna miss those talks. I'm gonna miss hearing your sweet little voice. I love you so much and I'm going to miss you each and every day of my life. I thank you for raising me into the woman I am today. I'll continue to make you proud and do everything that we talked about. Until next time, My Granny Baby.

~ Love your Baby, Jasmine

Thank you, Ma, for being an incredible source of love, guidance, and inspiration in my life. I am forever grateful for you, and I love you more than words can express.

~ Love, Alan

## *I Thought of You Today*

I Thought of You Today but that is nothing new I Thought about you yesterday and days before that too I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part. God had you in his arms. I have you in my heart.

~ Love, Marquettea

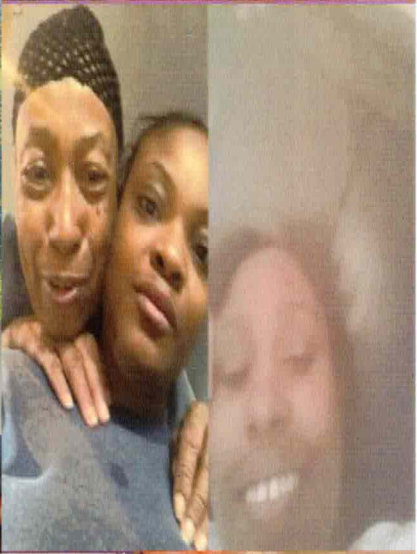
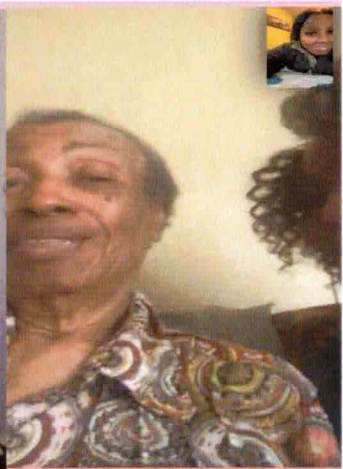
## *Your Forever In My Heart*

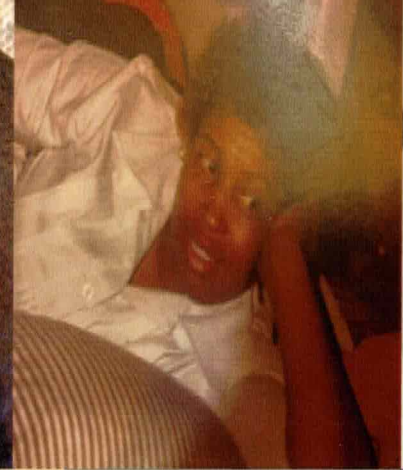
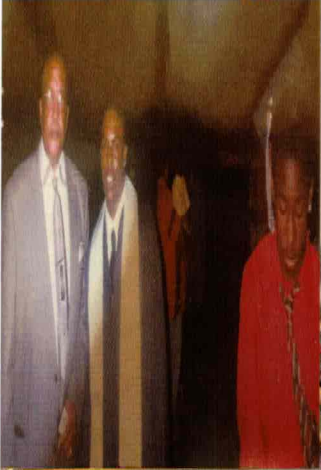
For all you were to me in life and all the joy and all the joy you brought, your memory is here with me. In every single thought. The pain I felt at losing you will never go away, but knowing that you're in my heart. Helps me through each day. When you were here I always felt that nothing would go wrong but you're still my inspiration And your memory keeps me strong Even though my heart is heavy. It's also full of love, and that's just enough to comfort me while you're in the Gates Above I love you mom.

~ Love, Kia

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 reaches out to those who feel their hearts breaking from the loss of a mother. It tells us God stays close to the brokenhearted. He's there to lift up people whose spirits are crushed by sadness.

~ Love, Alexis (I love you Momma)







## *2 Timothy 4:7-10*

<sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have

kept the faith: <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give

me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also

that love his appearing



# *In God's Care*



# *Pallbearers*

Cordareo Jones

Cortaize Tatum

Keynon Tatum

Everett Tatum

Alan Smith

Tommie Williams

# *Flower Bearers*

Family and Friends

# *Interment*

Donald Rest Cemetery

(\*If driving to gravesite, please turn on your flashers/headlights for safety.)

Dinner will be served after the Interment at:

Jerusalem Temple Church

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