



# Pall Bearers

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# Acknowledgments

May the Lords hand of compassion and love and His guiding light from above shine down upon you and give you strength during this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in knowing that family and friends share in your loss with God's love.

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Smithfield, NC

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# Celebration of Life

# Eleanor "Tiny" Mears

March 26th, 1937      February 12th, 2024



Friday, February 16th, 2024, 1:00 pm  
**First Missionary Baptist Church**  
403 Caswell St., Smithfield, NC 27577

**Rev. Dr. Christine Allen-Eulogist**

# Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Christine Allen-Officiating

Musical Prelude.....Blessed Assurance  
 Processional.....Clergy & Family  
 Reading of the Holy Scriptures.....Deacon Paul Ingram  
 Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
 New Testament.....John 14:1-8  
 Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Daisy Adams  
 First Missionary Baptist Church  
 Hymn "Faith of our Fathers" .....Congregation  
 Acknowledgments & Obituary..... Tonya Ervin  
 Solo "Jesus Cares" .....Harold Hughes  
 Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Christine Allen  
 Mt Zion Church of Deliverance  
 Hymn "Amazing Grace" .....Congregation  
 Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Christine Allen  
 Morticians Brief.....Sanders Funeral Home  
 Recessional.....Clergy, Family, Congregation

## Interment:

Sunset Memorial Park  
 US Hwy 70 E, Smithfield, NC 27577



*Amazing Grace* how sweet the sound,  
 That saved a wretch; like me!  
 I once was lost, but now am found,  
 Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 And grace my fears relieved;  
 How precious did that grace appear  
 The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
 His word my hope secures;  
 He will my shield and portion be  
 As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we first begun.

# The Obituary

*Eleanor Mears* was born in New York City at Bellevue Hospital on March 26, 1937, to the late Esther and Jerry Mears. Eleanor, affectionately known as Tiny, was called to her eternal home on Monday, February 12, 2024. We all know that she was small in stature but had the heart of a giant which is why we weren't surprised that she refused to lay down without a fight.

Tiny attended school in the New York City school system, finishing at Central Commercial High School. Upon graduating, she worked at a furniture store for 2 years before embarking on her career at Bellevue Hospital. During her time at Bellevue, she met her lifelong friend Pearlina Jackson. After dedicating over 35 years to Bellevue and earning the title of Principal Administrative Associate, she retired to embark on the next phase of her life.

Tiny moved to Smithfield, NC following her good friend in 1992 where she gained her extended family. She became a loyal member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Smithfield, NC. She enjoyed watching her extended family grow over the years, she also enjoyed traveling with her best friend Pearl while living their best retirement life. Back in the day, Ms. Tiny loved to dance and enjoyed cutting a mean rug. She loved bright colors like orange and yellow which matched her warm and bright personality. She liked roses, her favorite season was spring and she loved reading books. Most of all, Tiny loved the Lord and her favorite gospel songs were Jesus Cares and Amazing Grace.

She was preceded in death by her husband the late James Wilson and brother the late Wesley Mears. She is survived by a host of extended family, church family and friends. Ms. Eleanor (Tiny) Mears, your infectious smile and warm, pleasing personality will truly be missed.