



Willie Mae Earnest

October 15, 1922 - January 13, 2016

Willie Mae Earnest was called home to be with the Lord on January 13, 2016 at Villa Rosa Nursing home in Mitchellville, MD.

Ms. Earnest was born on October 15, 1922 in Waynesboro, GA to Nathan and Mary Mack. She was the oldest of three girls. The family relocated to Pompano Beach, FL. When her parents worked it was her responsibility to care for her younger sisters. Those duties included cleaning the house, doing laundry, and cooking meals for the family.

Willie Mae married Walter Brady in 1938 and in 1940 relocated to Johnson City, Tennessee. From this union four children were born: Charles, Ezell, Leroy, and Mary. She was industrious and acquainted with hard work. Willie Mae was a homemaker who believed in cleanliness. She spent time gardening and raising chickens. Her hobbies included listening to music and dancing.

Ms. Earnest attended Grace Temple Church and later joined Thankful Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Ms. Earnest relocated to Upper Marlboro, MD in 1997 to live with her daughter Ezell and son-in-law Charles Richardson. She joined Beth Shalom A.M.E. Zion church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Searles Earnest, three children, Charles Brady, Mary Session, Leroy Brady, four grandchildren and sister, Eva Wade.

Ms. Earnest is survived by her devoted daughter Ezell Richardson, son-in-law

Charles D. Richardson II, Ezell's sisters and brothers Anthony Murray (Sheila), Adrienne Tartar (William), Keith Brady (Cynthia), Carol Brady, Donald Brady (Judith), twelve grandchildren, a host of great grandchildren and a number of great-great grandchildren, sister Lessie Franklin, and one niece.

Funeral services will be held at the Birchette Mortuary Chapel on Saturday January 30th at 12:30pm. The family will receive friend from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Chapel prior to the services. Burial will follow at Washington County Memory Gardens in Johnson City, TN.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willie Mae Earnest*

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