

Pallbearers

CHRISTOPHER JONES
EDDIE EUTSEY, JR.
LESTER JONES
GARY WASHINGTON
FREDDIE LAWSON
LAWYER LAWSON, JR.

Floral Attendants

GREATER SARDIS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH USHERS

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to give special thanks to all for the many expressions of kindness and love shown during the passing of our beloved Pearl. Thank you for the prayers, visits, many phone calls and support during our time of sorrow. May the Lord God bless and keep you safe.

Thank You!

~ The Family of Pearl Prater ~

Services Entrusted to:

Newman Mortuary



114 Harper Dr ~ Ozark, AL
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Pearl Prater

December 13, 1937 ~ May 28, 2022



SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022
11:00 AM

Greater Sardis Missionary Baptist Church
Reverend Stephen C. Hudson, Officiating
Ozark, Alabama

Obituary

Pearl Prater went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Saturday, May 28, 2022. Pearl was born to the late Whittie Mae and F.T. Lawson on December 13, 1937, in Dale County, Alabama.

Pearl was a 1957 graduate of D.A. Smith School. She attended Wallace College in Dothan, Alabama, where she received a 2-year degree. She confessed Christ at an early age and thanked Him for dying on the cross for her sins and received Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior. She was a very active member at Greater Sardis Missionary Baptist Church in Ozark, Alabama, where she was the President of the Usher Board, President of the W.C. Audrey Circle, and a member of the Matron. She started her career at the Ozark Nursing Home Facility in 1969, where she worked for 40 years and retired from the nursing home in 2010. She also worked for Dr. Mack and Dr. Taylor Caffey for a total of 33 years, where she officially retired in 2014. Pearl loved working at the nursing home and taking care of her patients. She was always kind and considerate to the residents and to their families. She was always willing to assist her colleagues and ready to train any new CNA employee. When asked, "Why do you smile and laugh all the time?", Pearl would always say, "I can't help but to keep a smile on my face because I love what I do, and I love the patients." She was loved by ALL.

Pearl enjoyed working in her rose garden, cooking, attending the monthly group birthday luncheon with her friends, spending time with her daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, her two special great-granddaughters, and she absolutely loved to take road trips to visit her sister, Emma, and brother, Jerry (but she would only go if her son-in-law, Chris, would drive and not her daughter). Pearl loved her family and loved being around her entire family; and she especially loved to watch her great-granddaughter, Phoenix, sing and dance. Our hearts are broken, but we know God will strengthen us where we are weak. Pearl will be truly missed.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents, F.T. and Whittie Mae Lawson; husband, SGT Charles Prater; son, Charles Anthony Prater; sisters, Wonnies Rosbia, Ora Lee Ruley, and Annie Bowens; brothers, Johnny Frank Lawson and Lawyer T. Lawson; grandson, Christopher Savoy Jones; nephews, Allen Lorenzo Lawson and Wallace Ruley; great-niece, Zoe Lawson; and cousins, Rev Levi Baldwin and Samuel Baldwin.

She is survived by her best friend and loving daughter, Sophia Prater (Christopher) Jones; grandson, Berek LaShaun (Alyssa) Warren; granddaughter, Christina (Kishawn) Jones; great-grandchildren, Tyree Deshaun Warren, Phoenix Jones and Amai Jones; sisters, Emma King and Sarah Blackwell; brother, Jerry (Jacqueline) Lawson; sister-in-law, Faye Lawson; very special friend, Spencer Stokes; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and countless friends.



When I come to the end of the road and the sun sets for me.

Don't grieve for me, for Now I'm Free.

Why cry for a soul set free.

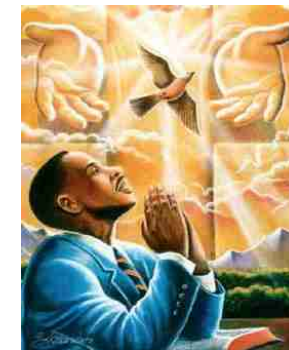
Miss me, but let me go.

I took His hand when I heard Him call.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your hearts,
God wanted me now, He has set me free!*



We will forever love and deeply miss mom!

"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those crushed in spirit." ~ Psalm 34:18



Band of Angels

*There's a band of angels who watch from above,
Keeping an eye on the ones they love.*

*Each of them gained their wings too soon,
And left behind an empty room.*

*Leaving us to close the door,
In hopes that we would grieve no more.*

*But closing a door won't end the pain,
Just causes tears to fall like rain.*

*We fear forgotten our Pearl will be,
Because our eyes no longer see ...*

*The sweetest smile on a precious face,
As they wait for us in a special place.*

*We Love you and you will be dearly missed.
To God Be The Glory!*

Order of Service

- Processional
Selection.....Hymn / Congregation
Scripture
 Old Testament.....Reverend Melvin Riley
 New Testament.....Reverend Artez Jones
Prayer.....Reverend Greg Lawson
Selection.....Ms. Bethel Terry
Reflection of Love
 As a Friend.....Ms. Theresa Locke
 As a Church Member.....Mrs. Inez Pennington
 As a Family Member.....Mr. Christopher Jones
Resolution / Acknowledgments.....Ms. JoAnn Johnson
Reading of the Obituary.....In Silence
Solo.....Jerry Lawson
Eulogy.....Reverend Stephen C. Hudson
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Greg Lawson
Recessional.....Ministers and Family

Interment

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