

“Our Angel”

We wake up in the morning and we look up to the sky
We wonder why He took you before we could say goodbye.

We look up to the stars at night and know you are looking down
We like to think you're proud of us but we're just stumbling around.

We crawl in bed and close our eyes and realize you are gone
Then comes the fears and then the tears

We glance up at the Heavens and we know you're flying by
Our Angel's watching over us we're happy as we cry
Because we know you're in a peaceful and painless place

Love always,
Your Son and Daughter-in-law
Hubert and Ubri Pearson



To Doretha

You had love and dreams for us.
You watched us come and go.
You watched us make the same mistakes over and over.
But never turn your back on us.
That made us stronger.
We haven't always thought about
The things that you have done.
But to us you've just been 'Mother',
But we remember now in love,
Your life from start to end,
And we're just glad we knew you,
As Mother, and as our best friend.
Our hearts are filled with memories,
our eyes are full of tears.
Our lives are filled with missing you,
each day throughout the years.
We pray you found the peace in death
you couldn't find on earth.
We hope we became the Men you showed us to be..
Each and every day our love goes on,
for it's the tie that binds.
You will be an inspiration led us
to lead the next generation on.

With love,
Hubert and Bryant



Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late Mrs. Doretha Spann Sumpter, expressly would like to acknowledge our deep appreciation and heart felt thanks to each and everyone who have celebrated with us through the praises and home going of our, dear beloved Doretha, your consolation has given strength to bare our sorrow and accept the beauty of “The Master’s Plan”. We thank God for sending a caravan of angels in the form of form of families and friends that we are bless with, thank you and God bless you all individually.

The Sumpter & Spann Families

We, the staff of Nelson-Haile Funeral Home, sincerely hope that our service has been a source of comfort to each of you. Our goal, for the past five generations, has been and continues to be to provide excellent services to those families we are privileged to serve.

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Moments of Meditation

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A Homegoing Celebration of the Life and Work of Mrs. Doretha Spann Sumpter

Sunrise
February 22, 1944

Sunset
October 30, 2020



St. John Baptist Church

1315 Spring Hill Road

Camden, South Carolina 29020

Saturday, November 7, 2020

12:00 P. M.

Reverend Richard James, Sr., Pastor

Life Reflections

“The Lord is my light and my salvation of whom shall I fear. The Lord is the strength of my life whom shall I be afraid.” Psalm 27:1

Mrs. Doretha Spann Sumpter, age 76, transitioned into the hands of her heavenly Father on October 30, 2020 in Sumter County, South Carolina. Doretha was born in Camden, South Carolina On February 22, 1944, to the late James Spann, Sr. and Jannie Thomas Spann.

Doretha graduated from Jackson High School. She worked at several local dry cleaning/laundry businesses, Pizza Hut and Shoney’s with dedication.

Doretha accepted and committed her life to Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at St. John Baptist Church, Springhill Road, Camden, SC. She served faithfully and sung beautifully in the choir. She often inspired others by singing solo during special church events. She served as a faithful member of the Union Baptist Church, Rembert, South Carolina as a member of the Senior Missionary Ministry, the Trustee’s Wives Ministry and enjoyed the Senior Citizen Outings.

Doretha raised two sons, Hubert Pearson and Bryant Brown. She was also proud to be the godmother to Anastasia Spann and Andrew Dennis.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Johnnie Sumpter, Jr. and she showed her love and kindness to her extended family.

Doretha was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, James Spann, Jr., George Spann, Sr., and Jesse Spann; a sister, Corine Spann Ransom and a brother-in-law, John Ransom, Jr.

Doretha is survived by her husband, Johnnie Sumpter, Jr., two sons, Hubert (Ubri) Pearson and Bryant Brown; five step-children, Ronald Sumpter of Columbia, SC, Eric Sumpter, Chris Sumpter, Gwen (Stanley) Davis and Angela Yvonne Sumpter all of Sumter, SC; one brother, Charlie (Stephanie) Spann of Ft. Worth, TX; three sisters, Dianne (Willie) James of Camden, SC, Mable A. Spann and Lillie M. Cooper both of Sumter, SC; three grandchildren, Kahvon Brown, Ziere Brown and Zaneah Brown; two sisters-in-law, Christine Spann of Rembert, SC and Joyce Brown of Baltimore, MD; her extended family, Brenda Pearson, Tyrone Pearson, Tamaka (Larry) Pearson Moten and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Reverend Richard James, Sr., Presiding

PROCESSIONAL.....Minister, Family, Friends

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT.....Pastor Carl Dais

NEW TESTAMENT.....Pastor Carl Dais

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. Richard James, Sr.

REFLECTIONS (3minute limit please)

Family.....Mr. Chris Sumpter

Family.....Mr. Kahvon Brown

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....Ms. Chiquita Dawkins-West

SOLO.....Mrs. Bertha Thompson

WORDS OF COMFORT.....Reverend Walter Robertson, III
Pastor, Union Baptist Church

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

INTERMENT

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

RECESSIONAL.....Minister, Family, & Friends

“Just a Memory away”

I’m no longer by your side, but there’s no need to weep;
I’ve left sweet recollections I’m hoping you will keep
Eternal joy and memories stay in our hearts forever,
Strengthening our special bond that parting cannot sever.
Now it’s time to journey on-so let your faith be strong
For I am in a better place...I’m home where I belong
And if times of loneliness bring sorry and disarray,
Don’t despair, for I am there...just a memory away.

Love always,
Your Family