

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

-Unknown Author



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EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

*When it seemed that our loss was too great to bear,
we looked up and our family and friends were there;
with flowers, with words written and spoken, with
smiling faces and hearts open. You comforted us
and shared our grief, and for this, we are grateful.
We cannot thank you enough for all your prayers,
calls and every act of concern.*

The Smalls Family

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FOR THE LATE

Pearl Smalls



SUNRISE
APR. 8, 1948

SUNSET
NOV. 28, 2019

Thursday, December 5, 2019

11:00 AM

St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church
7113 Highway 162
Hollywood, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Herbert L. Jenkins, Sr., Pastor

Final Resting Place

St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery
Hollywood, South Carolina

LIFE REFLECTIONS

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

II Corinthians 4:18

Pearl Jones Smalls, the daughter of the late Oliver and Viola Nesbitt Jones, was born Thursday, April 8, 1948 in Charleston, SC. She was reared in the Church Hill Community of Yonges Island, SC.

Pearl was clearly everything that defines her name; a person of great rarity and worth.

Pearl was educated in the public schools of Charleston County and a 1965 graduate of Baptist Hill High School. She was employed by the United States Navel Center, Charleston, South Carolina. Pearl was a faithful and dedicated employee as with everything she did; it was done with dignity and pride.

On October 1, 1983, she married the late Reverend Ernest Leroy Smalls.

Sister Pearl Jones Smalls accepted Christ as her personal Savoir at an early age and became an active member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church serving on all levels.

She served as First Lady of St. Luke and several other charges in the South Carolina Conference of the Seventh Episcopal District. She served as a past secretary for the South Carolina Conference Ministers’ Spouses, Widows and Widowers Organization (MSWAWO).

Sister Smalls was a faithful soldier in this Army of Lord and served his people with a servant's heart. At St. Luke she has served in numerous capacities: Board of Stewards, Church School Teacher and Superintendent, and Christian Education Director; and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society, Stewardess Board and Lay Organization. Sister Smalls was an effective and efficient Church and Quarterly secretary for a number of years and inspired many church members through Vacation Bible School, Church Anniversaries and Family Week Celebrations.

Her love for the Lord showed in her compassion for children as well as her devotion to several choirs, Senior, Gospel and Junior (now named Richard Allen).

Sister Pearl recognized the need and was a pioneer in adding Praise and Worship to our morning experience as well as an effective Acolytes Ministry. Until her health began declining, Sis. Smalls did everything that was asked of her in Jesus name and served the Lord with gladness!

Sister Pearl Smalls was predeceased by her husband, Reverend Ernest L. Smalls; her siblings, Margaret Mungin, Ethel Mitchell, Tooty Gethers, William Gethers, and Ronald Jones, Sr.; and a brother-in-law, David Smalls.

Those left to cherish her memories, her special son, Blaine Mitchell, special grandchildren, Quanesia Mitchell, Shaquille Mitchell, Chasity Mitchell, Zanya Mitchell and Jabori Ferguson; special great-grandson, Ahkinde Antia-Obong, siblings, Whilhelmenia Green, Oliver (Claudette) Jones, Jr. and Melvenia G. Buress; sister-in-law, Tonja Jones; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ruth (Thomas) Johnson, Earline Smalls, Samuel (Delores) Smalls, William Smalls, Deborah Gibbs, Nathaniel (Tammie) Smalls, Joe Thomas McNeil, and Carol (Bill) Miller; her loving God-daughter, Eureka Maybank; the Smalls and Gordon families of Johns Island; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Dr. Arthur Holmes, Officiating
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Prelude	Organist
Processional	The Clergy and The Family “Highway to Heaven”
Hymn	The Choir “Blessed Assurance”
Invocation	Reverend John Alston Pastor, James Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church Charleston, SC
Choral Response	The Choir
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament: Psalm 23	Evangelist Rebecca Porter
New Testament: John 14: 1-3	Reverend Dr. Serena Freeman
Remarks	Ms. Shelia Reed, Friend Bro. Raymond Tony Nesbitt, Class # 2 Leader Mrs. Margie G. Washington & The BHHS Class of 1965
Resolutions	SC-MSWAWO St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church
Sermonic Selection	The Choir
Words of Comfort	Reverend Dr. Herbert L. Jenkins, Sr.
Committal	
Benediction	
Final Viewing	The Staff of Murray’s Mortuary
Recessional	

