

**Grandmother from your Grandson Nigel**

*You were the sun around which I could safely rotate as a child, knowing that you would always be there. You lived your life as the ground upon which others could firmly stand, knowing that you would always support us. The day is less radiant in your absence, but the night sky is brighter.*

*You are now the star that lights the way home, guiding us to that distant shore toward which we must all one day set sail.*

*I love because I have been loved.*

*I love as I was loved.*

*I know God because God is love and you have shown me the way.*

*May you rest in God's love now and forever. Amen.*

**-Nigel Malcolm**

**My Grandma Pearl**

***P - Patience for the ones she loved, but none, at all, for foolishness***

***E - Embraces that could heal any hurt and kisses that could be felt by the soul***

***A - Ability to achieve greatness, regardless of circumstance or perceived limitations***

***R - Rhythm all her own in deciding what she wanted to do, when she wanted to do it.***

***L - Love that went above and beyond to touch and change the world around her.***

***I'm so grateful for the woman she was and the legacy she left behind.***

***-Love you forever Grandma. ~Little one, Jacynth Anderson***

**Grandma Pearl**

***Being a woman of faith and having a strong love and commitment to your family are two aspects of your legacy that I will strive to uphold.***

***I will hold tight to the memories of your beautiful smiles, your loving hugs, your sassy dance moves, your quick wit and so much more.***

***Grandma, you will be missed so much by me and the rest of the family here but I take comfort in the knowledge that you are now at peace with your heavenly family.***

***Thank you for all that you have done for your family, the prayers you've prayed and the love you've given.***

***Until we meet again...***

***Yours, Jasmine Malcolm (aka: Big one)***

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*Programme'*

**Saturday | October 3, 2020 | 10:00 A.M.**  
**M. Sue & Rodney D. Pittman Memorial Chapel**  
**5441 Cooper Street | Graceville, Florida**

**Seating of the Family..... “I’ll Fly Away”**

**Prayer ..... Minister**

**Scripture Reading ..... Minister**

**Selection..... “God Can Do Anything But Fail”**

**Words of Encouragement ..... Reverend Earnest Parker, Jr.**

**Benediction ..... Minister**

*Words of Gratitude*

**We thank you for your support at this difficult time, your words of support and prayers for our family is so gratefully appreciated and it means so much to us to have you in our lives. Your kindness to our family at this time truly honors the memory of our Mother and is a testament of how deeply she was loved by all.**  
**-The Reed & Malcolm Family**

*Earthly Resting Place*  
**Saint Paul/New Bethel Cemetery**  
**Campbellton, Florida**

**Mom, I am going to miss you. Know that you have prepared me and your family well for all that is to come. As an only child you ensured I knew how to take care of myself, to work, to help family and others, and most importantly to believe in and love God. What I remember most are all the good times traveling on the road with you to go visit family or a friend and singing gospel songs along the way. My favorites were “God can do anything but Fail” and I’ll Fly Away” and we sang them over and over making up our own words. You made it fun and I loved doing it, we got to spend time together on those long rides and you imparted a lot of knowledge and wisdom to me that sustains me to the very day.**

**Your CB handle you used on the rode as you would search the airways for a friendly voice on the highway was “this is the “Morning Star” is anyone out there”? You always would find someone and made a new friend, or many times found an old one that made you smile. I knew we were never alone, we had God and all your friends looking out for us. Your family knows that you have left us in good hands, and all we have to do is reach out to God and you. We have both of you to always be there for help and guidance. Now as we look to the night sky, family and friends take comfort in forever remembering our “Morning Star”. Well done GOD’s good and faithful servant.....**

**-Lorenzo Malcolm**

*Obituary*

Minnie Pearl was a devoted Christian and long-time member of Moore’s Chapel AME Church in St. Petersburg, Florida where she attended and served for many years.

Minnie Pearl had a heart of love for obedience to the Lord and obeyed a calling of service to others. She served on church boards, assisted the elderly in her neighborhood and throughout the community with her volunteer service at the Enoch Davis Senior Center. Minnie Pearl lived a life of joyful dedication offering her time and service to all in need. She was also a champion for justice, civil liberties, and rights for all. She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and others to help end segregation and proudly bore the scars of her efforts never backing down. In her later years she lived in Sanford, Florida to be closer to family.

She worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse in several nursing homes and finished her working career when she retired from the Pinellas County School Board as a school bus driver. She loved driving the children and they loved her. Minnie Pearl believed it was important to treat everyone like family. She sought out family and stressed the importance of “knowing your people”. In family we find ourselves and grow strong in the knowledge that we are a part of something important, meaningful and defining. We draw strength and support from family. Minnie Pearl was a key part of strength, support, and encouragement for our family and her friends thought out the years. Her absence on earth will be missed by “her people” left behind, but she is now reunited with the family and friends that have gone on before.

She was preceded in passing, by her mother, Pearl and her adoptive parents, John and Eva Hoover; her brothers: Isaiah Cooks, Matthew Hadley, John (JB) Hoover, Leron Hoover, Sr., and Johnny “James” Hadley.

Minnie Pearl is survived by her loving family which includes her son, Lorenzo Malcolm and wife Charmaine of Sanford, Florida; a grandson, Nigel Malcolm and wife Sarah; and great grandson: Ian of Manchester, New Hampshire; granddaughters: Jasmine Malcolm of Sanford, Florida and Jacynth Anderson and her husband Joel of Orlando, Florida; a beloved family of sisters -in-law: Lois Hoover and Mary Jane Hoover of Campbellton, Florida; nieces and nephews: Carolyn McKenny and her husband Howard, Marylyn Britt and her husband Michael, Cara Merritt and her husband Isaac, Mary Shepherd, Linda Hadley, Leron Hoover, Jr. and his wife Doris and all of the great nieces and nephews she loved so much; her loving god sister: Ms. Inez Inmon and her family of St. Petersburg, Florida; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**“At Times Like This”**

A poem for Maya Angelou,  
by Nikki Giovanni

At times like this  
We measure our words  
Because we are  
Measuring a life  
A friend was not  
Lost nor did she  
Transition she  
Died

We recognize a good  
Life was lead a  
Generous heart  
Ceases to beat  
A hearty laugh will  
No longer be  
Heard

We measure not  
The depth  
But the width  
Of compassion  
And passion  
And dreams

We place our love  
Gently

On the flowers  
That cover her  
Under the clouds  
That embrace her  
Into the Earth  
That owns her

And now  
Reclaims her  
We will miss her  
Spirit Her demands  
Her hopes for us  
And therefore Herself  
At times like this

We are sad  
We gather  
We comfort  
Each other  
Yet still

At times like this  
We  
Properly  
Cry

