



Ms. Bertha Lee Prather

April 27, 1929 - September 28, 2024

A Celebration of Life

~Sister Bertha Lee Prather~

Sister Bertha Prather's life exemplified the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23.

A Time to Be Born

Bertha Lee Prather was born April 27, 1929, in Kiblah, Arkansas, to the union of James Evans and Marjorie Smith. She was one of eleven children.

A Time to Learn

She received her K-12 education from Kiblah High School. She graduated valedictorian of her class. She began working at St. Joseph Hospital in 1960 and retiring in 1990 as Head Supervisor of Environmental Services. Upon her retirement, Winston Prather, her husband, surprised her on her last day at work by greeting her in a chauffeured limousine with dozens of red roses in hand.

A Time to Love

On April 17, 1952, she married Winston Prather, who was the love of her life.

To this union three children were born, Winston R., Cynthia D. and, Jenice J.

A Time to Serve

Bertha Prather joined Jamison Temple C.M.E Church upon moving to Kansas City, Missouri, She later became a member of St. Stephen Baptist Church in 1976 so she could be in the same church as her beloved husband. Her stewardship at St. Stephen Baptist included membership on the Usher Board, Deaconess Board, Baptist Training Union and Women's Missionary Society. She was also a Devotional Leader and served by visiting the sick and shut-in, feeding the poor, and overseeing and cooking in the church kitchen. She also participated in various plays at Easter and Christmas. As the devotional leader, she would start by enthusiastically shouting with glee, "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." She regularly visited nursing homes and voluntarily cooked and delivered meals to the elderly.

A Time to Depart

She departed her life peacefully, on Saturday, September 28 at her home. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Willie D. and Sam; and seven sisters Ione, Ruthie, Tommie Lee, Bonnie Mae, Bennie Mae, Vanera, and Ethel.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Winston R. Prather; two daughters, Cynthia Prather and Jenice Prather-Kinsey (Reginald Kinsey); grandchildren, Winston Stewart, Ashley Russell (Evan), Robert Stewart, Robert Prather, and; great grandchildren, Avery, DeShawn, and Deon; great great grandchildren, Rylan and Nisir; a sister, Lela Harris of Kiblah, Arkansas; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and many friends.

Bertha Prather will be truly missed by so many for her true dedication to Christ, her genuine smile and her love for so many that she met.

Funeral services Saturday, October 12, at 11:00am at Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Mount Moriah Cemetery. Visitation Saturday 10:00am-11:00am at the chapel.. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Cemetery Details

Mount Moriah Cemetery

10507 Holmes Road
Kansas City, MO 64131

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Watkins Heritage Chapel
4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64130

Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GR

“ *Sister Prather was a very nice woman. She loved God and her family. She will be truly missed. Blessings to her son, daughters, and family. Sister Gina Ross*

Gina Ross - October 12, 2024 at 10:27 AM

WS

“ *To the "entire" Prather/Evans family: Because of who you are (descendants of Marjorie Smith Evans) and Whose you are, and because of who we are (descendants of Haglar Smith) and Whose, we say: "Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." - Isaiah 26:3,4 Love, Prayers and Heartfelt Sympathy, Huey, William, Willene, Chester and Travistine and families (via Kiblah)*



Willene (Smith) Sumpter - October 12, 2024 at 03:47 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ms. Bertha Lee Prather.*



October 11, 2024 at 09:03 AM

WS

“ To Cynthia, Jenice (Reginald), Winston, All grands, Lela and "entire" Prather/Evans family: Our beloved was beautiful on the inside and out! Even back in Kiblah growing up, she and my older sister, Othella, represented their church, Unionville CME Church, as delegates. Cousin Bertha was a few years older than she. I understand my Daddy (your Uncle Haglar) would say regarding going anywhere: "If Bertha Lee is going, you can go!" So, she's been working in God's vineyard for a long time. Now, she rests from her laboring. Just as the sun will set then rise with each and every dawn, the souls of those who lived life well, eternally live on. (American Greetings) I'll see you when the morning comes, Cousin. Family: "The Lord bless you and keep you...and give you peace."-Numbers 6:24-26 Love and Prayers, Charles & Willene (Smith) Sumpter, Mt. Morris, MI (via Kiblah)



Willene (Smith) Sumpter - October 11, 2024 at 05:55 AM

AI

“ Adolphus & Sedoria Parker III purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ms. Bertha Lee Prather.



Adolphus & Sedoria Parker III - October 10, 2024 at 12:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Bertha Lee Prather.



October 10, 2024 at 12:07 PM

LJ

“ Lorean Holmes and Abby Johnson purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ms. Bertha Lee Prather.



Lorean Holmes and Abby Johnson - October 07, 2024 at 09:04 PM

LJ

“ Lorean Holmes and Abby Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Bertha Lee Prather.

Lorean Holmes and Abby Johnson - October 07, 2024 at 09:04 PM

AJ

“ Aunt Bertha Lee was a beautiful soul. I enjoyed the many conversations we had and always enjoyed the \$5 gift. Unfortunately, I have been afflicted by the dreaded disease of Alzimers. My daughter, Abby started calling you on my behalf so we could talk.



As best that I can remember, Aunt Bertha Lee, memories of you will always be in my heart.

Written for Lorean Holmes by Abby Johnson.

Abby Johnson - October 02, 2024 at 08:08 AM

ES

Wow I just gave Mrs.Prather a big hung at Mrs.Joy Thompson home going service on September 20.2024 I was so glad to see her ,she look so nice.Condolences to the Prather family R.I.P.

Ella Strong - October 06, 2024 at 07:37 AM

AJ

“ *Abby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bertha Lee Prather*



Abby Johnson - October 02, 2024 at 07:45 AM

AL

RIP , TO GOD BE THE GLORY AS ROSE ADDED TO GODS GARDEN OF LOVE

ALFORD - October 04, 2024 at 09:54 AM