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Russell Cunningham | Cory Smith | Zion Truesdale
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Flower Bearers

Stewardess Board #2 | 20th Century Board | Chancellor Choir

Honorary Pallbearers

Officers of Bethel A.M.E. Church

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning, God was going to call your name;
In life we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide;
And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

Acknowledgements

We gratefully acknowledge with sincere appreciation your comforting expressions of sympathy, hospitality and acts of kindness during our hours of bereavement. Special thanks to the staff and administration at "The Place at Martinez".

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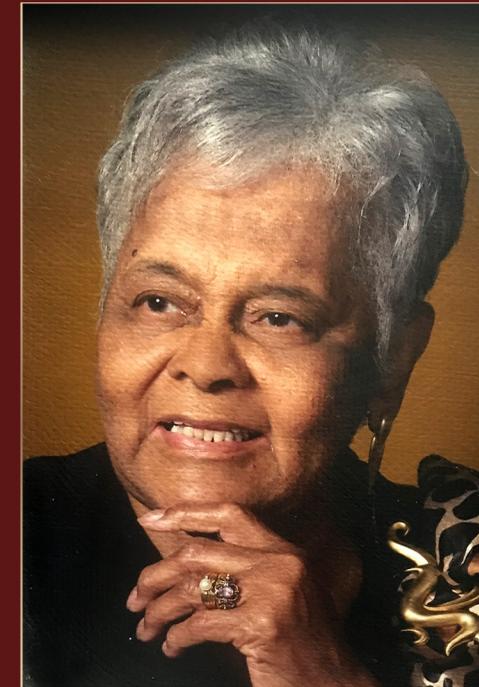
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Evelyn S. Spencer

November 27, 1928 - December 26, 2019



Friday, January 3, 2020

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

623 Crawford Avenue

Augusta, Georgia

Reverend Augusta H. Hall, Jr. - Pastor
- Officiating -

The Obituary

EVELYN S. SPENCER closed her eyes and peacefully transitioned on the evening of December 26, 2019. Mary Evelyn Shivers Spencer was born November 27, 1928, to Robert and Susie Kate Dawson Shivers. Evelyn was the apple of Susie Kate’s eye and took pride in the fact that as an only child, she was spoiled. Growing up playing with lots of cousins, she often told them with a wide-eyed smile, “I don’t have to share because everything is mine!”

At an early age, she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church. As a second-generation Bethelite, she was very instrumental in carrying on the legacy of the Dawson family. Evelyn served faithfully for many years singing on Choir #2/Hannah Stephens and as treasurer before it merged to later become the Chancellor Choir, Stewardess Board #2, and the 20th Century Board. Evelyn took much pride in serving with the 20th Century Board because this was the same board her mother, Susie Kate, and her uncle, Horace, also served on as president and secretary.

Evelyn attended daycare at Bethlehem Community Center, elementary school at Charles T. Walker and graduated from Haines Institute (Class of 1946).

During her marriage to Fred Spencer, Evelyn became the proud mother of Felmon Wayne and Susan Faye.

After graduation, she worked at Ft. Gordon, Claussen’s Bakery and Graniteville Enterprise Mill. She retired from Graniteville Enterprise Mill with thirty years of service. Not being able to sit still for long, Evelyn babysat briefly for the Hagler family and later found her true passion as a foster grandmother with the Senior Corps program for seventeen years. She would often beam with pride when speaking of her daycare

babies. Evelyn encouraged the importance of education to not just her children and grandchildren but to many young people over the years, often talking to them about the value of a good education.

Although an only child, Evelyn loved the cousin/sisterhood she shared with her cousin Josephine, whom she affectionately greeted her with “*Hey Old Lady!*” every time they saw each other to which Josephine replied, “*Hey Fats!*”

Evelyn, also known as “*G’Ma*”, loved her family and until her health started to fail, she never missed a Dawson Family Reunion, a school recital, a Christmas play or a band recital of her love ones.

Anyone who knew her knew that she loved her yard winning azaleas, Hamrick’s and spicy chicken from Popeyes. She was known for her award-winning fruit cakes having shipped them throughout the country to relatives and friends. During her stay at The Place at Martinez, her artistic talents as a coloring book artist were also recognized.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her mother, Susie Kate D. Myers, stepfather, Bobby M. Myers, father, Robert Shivers, husband, Fred Spencer, and beloved son whom she affectionately called her “Baby Boy”, Wayne Spencer.

She is survived by: her daughter, Susan S. Cofer; grandchildren, Cheri C. (Joseph) Tutt, Jr., Nyoka Spencer and Soukeyna (Antonio) Truesdale; great-grandchildren, Xiomarra, Lena, Zion, Phillippa, Joseph, Jacob and Carsyn; godson, Bruce W. Wade; a very dear cousin, Josephine D. Taylor; and a host of cousins, family members, and friends.

The Order of Service

Presiding, Reverend Stephen Smith | Pastor, Lofton Circuit

The Prelude Organist

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn Mass Choir
“When We All Get To Heaven”

Invocation Reverend Joseph Ivey
Second Providence Baptist Church

Old Testament Scripture | Revelation 21:1-7 Reverend Nathan Williams
Pastor, Eastland Baptist Fellowship

New Testament Scripture | 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 Reverend Laverne Comer
Pastor, Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Church

Selection Mass Choir

Words of Comfort Reverend Mark S. Pierson
Pastor, Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church

Solo

Remarks (Three Minute Limit)
Church Member/Neighbor - Mrs. Belle Clark
Family Member - Ambassador Horace G. Dawson, Jr., Retired
Granddaughter - Mrs. Cheri C. Tutt

The Obituary | Soft Music Read Silently

Acknowledgements Dr. Kay Gresham

Selection Mass Choir

Eulogy Reverend Augusta H. Hall, Jr.

Recessional *“Peace Like A River”*

Interment Southview Cemetery

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Bethel A.M.E. Church Alpha Center