



Mrs. Mae Rose Steward

March 1, 1931 - July 11, 2018

Mother Mae Rose Steward was born in Winter Park, Florida March 1, 1931 to the late Roosevelt Holloman Sr. and Vera Holloman McPherson. She was preceded in death by both parents, stepfather Eddie McPherson and brother, Roosevelt Holloman Jr.

Mother Steward attended Orange County Public Schools and graduated from Hungerford High School, where she was a member of the basketball team. After graduation, she attended Florida Memorial College.

Mother Steward accepted Christ at an early age and became a life-long committed member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Winter Park, FL for close to 80 years. She was the oldest living member as well as the longest standing member. Mother Steward served Bethel as Youth Choir President, Member of Choir #1, President and Charter Member of Choir # 3, President of the Mass Choir, Sr. Mission President, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School Teacher, Floral and Decoration Committee, Kitchen Manager, Youth Supervisor for 35 plus years, and Youth Director Emeritus.

Mother Steward was also very active with Congress #2 and the First South Florida Association. She was the Tabulator for the Youth Department of Congress and Recording Secretary for the Youth Department of the Association. She continuously took her youth to participate in the convening

sessions of Congress and the Association.

Mother Steward worked over 30 years for Welbourne Day Nursery and Kindergarten in Winter Park, FL. Her roles included working as a nursery caretaker with the babies and later as the cook and dietician. Many remember her famous potato soup, tuna burgers and tuna with grits. After being sought out by families of young children, she became proprietor of the Steward Family Daycare for many years. In addition to the daycare, her home became a constant refuge for struggling parents needing overnight care for their children. Many children would remain in her home during the week and go home with their parents on the weekend. Mother Steward was known for her exceptional catering of special events throughout the Central Florida area such as family reunions, feeding the homeless, weddings, and many other events. After retiring, she later became a dedicated volunteer at Welbourne.

Mother Steward had many passions. She was known for her delicious food and bake goods such as homemade soups, chicken pot pies, sweet potato pies, apple crisp, peach cobbler and bread pudding. She also enjoyed fishing, sewing, crocheting, watching and participating in sports, singing and gardening. She was known as the Winter Park “songbird”.

She loved sharing fruits, vegetables and flowers from her garden. She would take flowers to the nursing home, sick and shut-in, family and friends.

Mother Steward was married to the late Charles J. Steward. To this union, four children were born ~ Michael, Crystal, Reginald and Ophelia. Mae Rose was a dedicated and devoted mother. She provided transportation for afterschool activities and sporting events for her children and others in the neighborhood. She was very influential in the lives of her God children – Delissia Dyer, Trayvis McNeal, Ymeka McCain, Brandon Church and LaFaverian Jacobs.

Mother Steward leaves to cherish her memories: four children ~ Michael (Althea) Steward of Columbia, SC, Crystal R. Steward of Winter Park, FL, Reginald (Cathy) Steward of Orlando, FL, Ophelia (Darryl) Richardson of Winter Park, FL.; one grandchild, Cortney Brooke Steward of Orlando, FL; four nieces and nephews, Michelle Holloman of Orlando, FL, Roosevelt Holloman, III of Orlando, FL, Todd Holloman of Indianapolis, IN, Darcia (Derrick) Harris of Ormond Beach, FL; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A special thank you to the staff of Wayman Place Assisted Living Facility for the love and care of our dear mother for the last 2 years.

Cemetery Details

Pineywood Cemetery

1810 S. Lakemont Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32803

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
425 West Welbourne Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789

Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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425 West Welbourne Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mae Rose Steward*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM

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“ To chronicle the life of Mrs. Mae Rose Steward, we would need a really large dictionary. Turn the pages until you get to the "p's." Check out the word, "perfect."

She possessed all of the Christian virtues. She was voted Youth Director at Bethel Baptist Church because she was loving and kind and always ready for reconciliation.

As a nutritionist for the Day Nursery, she helped the babies and tots. She furthered this talent as a licensed director of her own nursery school.

At church, she had a singing group of tots called "The Little Angels." Because of her beautiful soprano voice, she was called "The Songbird of The South." She sang for many occasions. During her long tenure as President of Choir #1, she brought much inspiration to many.

For years, she was a viable member of the Senior Mission, There, she led in enriching the experiences. She was a leader in seeing that we attended, en masse, the play across town, the Morehouse Glee Club concerts, or the World Bible Translators.

Even though she was a gourmet chef, serving many large events, she saw to it that no one worked while worship services were going on in the sanctuary.

A remarkable mother and loyal family member, she extended this concern to other youths. She insisted that they "dress for success." In this regard, she was a great personal example.

Passionate joy was her fascination with flowers. She liked to see them growing along the way. She was chairperson of the floral committee and always saw to it that the church was decorated for the various seasons. Her own yard was blooming with roses and other plants.

Her "light" was a pure diamond, brilliant from every view. As in the song, "Lo, A Rose E'er Blooming," so her name, "Mae Rose," indicates a life in bloom. God in people makes them "bloom" - makes them perfect. In Loving Memory of Mrs. Mae Rose Steward, Love, The Lawson Family.

The Lawson Family - July 17, 2018 at 07:48 AM

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“ *Michael and Althea,
Please know your Church family at Francis Burns United Methodist Church, 5616 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC send our love and deepest sympathy to you and your family. May God's grace and peace guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus as you remember and celebrate Mrs. Mae Rose Steward life. I regret that I am not able to be with you and you family during your time of grieving and celebrating your mother's life. God's Blessings to all as you journey in the hours and days ahead.*

Living Into the Resurrection Life Daily,

Rev. James L. Friday

James L. Friday - July 16, 2018 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mae Rose Steward.*



July 15, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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“ Charles and Ann Rountree of Huntsville, Alabama. purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Mrs. Mae Rose Steward.



Charles and Ann Rountree of Huntsville, Alabama. - July 15, 2018 at 05:32 PM



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July 14, 2018 at 12:37 PM