



Mildred C. Spencer

October 9, 1936 - October 20, 2018

Mildred Smith Spencer was born October 9, 1936 to James D. Smith, Sr. and Beatrice L. Pope Smith. She was the fourth of their fourteen children. Christ chose Mildred at the age of three, and when she was seven she was baptized by the late Rev. James W. Nuegin, Sr. Mildred's God-given gift of a beautiful voice opened doors early in her life; she was part of a children's quartet that sang at the request of her pastor, and others throughout the state. Mildred continued her service to the Lord throughout her life.

Intelligent and articulate, Mildred graduated from Kissimmee High School in 1953 and chose to attend Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She was offered a scholarship to Julliard because of her singing voice, but New York was too far from her mother. Matriculating at Spelman was a special joy because Mildred was following in the footsteps of her older sister, Evelyn. She then transferred to Florida Memorial in St. Augustine which gave Mildred the opportunity to play basketball with her lifelong friend, Dorothy Lacy. Mildred eventually stayed in Florida... marrying, earning an associate degree, raising children, and leaving a legacy of love and service.

A dedicated Christian, Mildred put her faith to work as a lifelong advocate for the family and the community. She took pride and played an active role in both; two of her favorite songs were "Don't Forget the Family Prayer and I Pray We'll Be Ready." Serving the Lord faithfully under the leadership of Rev.

Remer Baker, Jr., she was president of the Chorusters and the Inspirational Mass Choir. "Sister Spencer" was known for her love of the Word of God; she enjoyed bible study, testifying in church and witnessing to others about the love and power of God. A faithful witness and warrior, "God don't want no coward soldiers!" and "Give up the right for the wrong!" were phrases she lived and loved.

Mildred loved her family, and through the years cherished the time spent with her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Sampson Spencer brought joy to her life during their marriage of over four decades, until death parted them in 2015.

Friends and neighbors knew Mildred loved her community, and her neighborhood. She was brave and committed as she collected signatures on petitions or challenged civil rights issues in Kissimmee; she was among the first blacks to do this civic duty.

Mildred had a special place in her heart for children; she began a career in education in 1968 working with special needs children at Magnolia School in Orange County. She started the school's first choir, coordinated a prom and spearheaded events that gave the children a "Can Do" attitude. Mildred also worked in the Osceola County School District, where she developed a behavior modification program adopted by all county elementary schools. After 37 years of teaching, Mildred retired from Osceola County schools. However, the love she has for teaching led her to join her daughters at Precious Jewels Academy Learning Centers INC. in Sarasota and Kissimmee FL. Her combined years in education span more than 50 years and most of her adult life was dedicated to the care of children.

God, in His infinite wisdom, decided to call his child home on October 20, 2018. In addition, her Parents: James D. Smith Sr., and Beatrice L. Pope

Smith and Loving Husband: Sampson Spencer. Mildred was also preceded in death by her Brothers: Terry L. Smith and James D. Smith Jr.; and Sisters: Doris Y. Phillips, Barbara J. Edwards, Bernice L. Jones, Gladys I. J. McGee, Evelyn L. Smith; Brother-in-law: Rev. John P. Phillips; Sister-in-law: Linda Y. Smith; Nieces Michelle Jackson, Darmell Holladay, Sherry Leggett, Suzette Cruz, Kimberly Holmes-Quinn, Pamela Perkins, Nephew: Michael L. Smith and her lifelong friend, Dorothy Lacy.

Cherishing precious memories are Her Children: Angela Mathis (Ronald, Sr.), Archie Gibbons, Jr (Mia). Victor Gibbons (Marisol), Evelyn Gibbons, Carolyn Gibbons, Adopted Children, Margaret Clark (Michael), Helen Zanders, Alicia Phillips (Fred) Carla Greggs, Karl Jones, Grandchildren: Shamara Gibbons, Victoria Gibbons, Ronald Mathis II, Ashlan Saldana (Jeff), Carlin Paige, Demetre Gibbons, Alec Gibbons, Christopher Mathis, Jaheim Shuler, Maleah Gibbons, Isabella Gibbons; Great-grandchildren Kayden Lee, Malakai Saldana, Aubriella Saldana, Carina Paige; Brothers: Pastor A.L. Smith Sr. (Nesline), Curtis Smith; Sisters: Betty Gould (William), Valerie Williams, Gail Smith, Janice Williams (Reginald); Brothers –in-law: James Jones, Sr. and Robert McGee; Devoted friends: Minnie Duncan, Rhoda Brandon, Peggy Rivers and Eloise Turner; and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In lieu of floral arrangements please send monetary donations to: PJALC, Inc. for the Mrs. Spencer Education Scholarship fund. Thank you

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred C. Spencer*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Mrs. Spencer was such a loving and caring person. When I saw her working with children it put a smile on my face. I said to myself “Lord, let me be as compassionate like her when teaching children”. Definitely she will be missed in Education and all others areas the she fulfilled so Beautifully.*

Love Denise Johnson

Denise Johnson - November 03, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *I loved Mildred's smile, laugh and most of all, her spirit.*

Although I haven't seen you in a while, I love you all.

Cindy

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." --
Matthew 5:4*

Cynthia Kincey - November 02, 2018 at 07:54 PM

MP

“ I would like to say on behalf of the Phillips family that Mother Mildred Spencer will be greatly missed. She affectionately would say, “We are Family!”. be encourage Family and lift your eyes to the hills from whence cometh your help, your help cometh from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth. I love you all and I thank God for her touching my life with her love, affection, hospitality, warm hugs and good cooking! I praise God for having shared her with us for these many years and now she’s at peace. I pray for your strength and Healing. Minister Sebrenah Phillips



Min. Sebrenah Phillips - November 02, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mildred C. Spencer.



November 01, 2018 at 09:13 AM

MR

“ My God Bless your family. Mark Rackard

Mark Rackard - October 31, 2018 at 10:14 PM

CE

“ To the family of Mrs. Mildred Spencer; I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to all of you at this time. I will always hold fond memories of your mama for she was very kind to me . Many are the early mornings I heard her voice singing "There is power in the blood of Jesus ..." This is something I will always remember. Her efforts to improve the lives of the young ones through education is something I will never forget. One thing I know for sure is that ,not only did she care about issues, but she took the time to resolve them to the best of her abilities. She did all these and may more with a very wide smile. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

God Bless each and everyone of you during this time and always.

*Kindest Regards,
Cecilia W. Ndung'u-Family Friend*

Cecilia - October 31, 2018 at 08:19 PM

SC

“ The magnitude of Mrs. Spencer's character has been etched in the hearts of many! The true essence of her disposition was heightened by the generosity of her heart, and the brilliance of her mind. My brothers and I will never forget the kindness and love Mrs. Spencer demonstrated to us. She cared for us as if we were her own, and for that we are grateful!

This tribute is to express our personal sense of loss mingled with joy at the news of the "Promotion to Glory" of Mrs. Mildred Spencer; Who served the Lord and the community for many years as a wife to her husband, mother to her offspring, friend to all and as a consummate "child of God" among all who knew her.

Her tender hand and loving example inspired greatness and godliness in her daughters Angela, Regina, and Carolyn, and sons Victor and Archie.

May her surviving family members receive this tribute "FOR BEHOLD, NOW, SHE WAS A KING'S DAUGHTER"

Lovingly submitted this Thirty-first day of October, in the Two-thousand, Eighteenth year of our Lord, from Baltimore

Shemesh A. Clark+

Shemesh A. Clark+ - October 31, 2018 at 09:13 AM

DA

“ To the Family of Mrs. Mildred C Spencer, I too will miss her smile and encouragement. However, I will always have the beautiful memories we shared. Love to each of you during this time of loss.
Sincerely,
Diane Albritton, Family Friend and Agent

Diane Albritton - October 30, 2018 at 10:56 AM