



Martha Southward

January 2, 1933 - June 21, 2010

SOUTHWARD, Mrs. Martha W. – Age 77, passed away peacefully in her sleep, after a courageous battle with cancer, Monday, June 21, 2010 at Genesys Hospice. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1083 E. Stewart Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m., Pastor Lewis Randolph officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Southward will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Mrs. Martha Southward was born January 13, 1933 in Rienzi, Mississippi, the daughter of the late Annie Gilmore and Elmer Bates. Martha was a resident of Flint since 1953. She professed Christ at an early age and joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Martha loved to cook, and listen to gospel music. She also loved spending time with family and friends. Mrs. Martha Southward leaves to cherish her loving memory: daughter, Brenda; 6 sons, Carl, Willie, Gary, Kenneth, Elmer and Courtney; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 4 sisters, Elizabeth Young of Corinth, MS, Hattie Faye Thomas of Booneville, MS, Effie Vernita Martin of Tishomingo, MS and Velera Asberry of East St. Louis, IL; brother, Ideses Bates of Johnson City, TN. Mrs. Southward was preceded in death by her husband, McQueen Southward; parents, Annie Bates and Elmer Bates; 2 brothers, Ben and Charles Bates; and sister, Ervilene Agnew. The family would like express special thanks to

Beatrice Sheppard, Marie Brown, Karla and Jerome Adams. Special thanks to Pastor Lewis Randolph and the entire Antioch Missionary Baptist Church family, Genesys and McLaren Regional Medical Centers, Genesys Home Hospice, Dr. Danish and Dr. Alexander.

Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Southward*

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“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. She was a wonderful person in life as she is now a beautiful flower picked for God's heavenly garden. The Bible says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.No more suffering only happiness and joy in the garden of the great Almighty.So Gary you and your siblings hold your head up and God will see you through.I am so sorry that I did not find out until it was too late for her homegoing celebration.Always remember she will always be in my heart as she has been since the day I met her over 30 years age.May God Bless You And Your Family On This Day!*

Doreatha D. Swift - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello,

My name is Pamela Traeye. I just wanted to take this time to send my condolences to the family. I too have lost a loved one in my lifetime. Did you know that the bible makes it clear that God did not originally intend for humans to die? (Gen 1:28) The bible also tells us that God has the power to bring the dead back to life and that he will do just that!! Isaiah 26: 19 states, " Your dead ones will live... They will rise up". Jesus further reminds us at John 5: 28,29 " Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." If you would like to find out more about God and his promise of the ressurection, please come visit the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 7184 Davison Rd Davison, Michigan 48423 or contact me at my email address pamelatraeye@hotmail.com.

June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I loved Ms Southward very much. She was a very supportive person for me and my children (Joshua and Kendra) also Lezander. I will miss her very much. When I visited in March she was in high spirits we discussed the resurrection hope from the Bible at Revelations 21:4,5. My children were close to their granny even though we live 1000 miles away. I appreciate her input in my life and I will never forget her. My condolences to the family, I love you all.*
Marisa

Marisa J. Woods - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will truly be missed. I love you!*

Kendra Southward - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM