

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

It Is Well With My Soul

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Refrain:

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Refrain

*And Lord, haste the day when the Faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain

PALLBEARERS

*Zerrick Chambers, Darren Smith, Darryl Smith, Danilo Symonette,
Dion Symonette and Robert Symonette*

FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The entire Dunham family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expression of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

Services Entrusted To:
Hodges & Edwards Funeral Home
Suitland, Maryland

***Celebrating the Life
of***

Bertha Jean Smith Dunham

October 23, 1946 – February 29, 2020



Friday, March 13, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
4949 Allentown Road
Suitland, MD 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary



Bertha Jean (Smith) Dunham was born on October 23, 1946, to the late Rafe and Beatrice Smith in Birmingham, Alabama. She was the youngest of four children born to that union.

Bertha was a woman of faith, who accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. On December 13, 1987, she joined From the Heart Church Ministries; and remained a faithful member there until her passing.

Bertha completed her early education in Alabama through the Birmingham Public School System. She finished her undergraduate studies at Alabama State College where in 1968 she earned degrees in Business Administration and English. While at Alabama State, she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Beta Eta Chapter. Bertha furthered her education at the University of the District of Columbia where she received a master’s degree in English. Bertha, a model student, excelled in her studies and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Bertha, an educator in her professional life, retired from the District of Columbia Public School System where she taught business, English, and mathematics at the middle and high school levels.

Bertha adored her family. She was a dedicated wife to her husband Tommy Dunham. The two were united in Holy Matrimony on May 31, 1969. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May of 2019. She was also a loving mother to her two daughters, Zebreda Pauletta Dunham of Pasadena, California, and Tanisha LaShawn Dunham of Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Bertha loved spending time entertaining, surrounded by family and friends. She was a caring person who had a special place in her heart for her dogs for most of her life; and was known to feed stray animals. Bertha was also very thoughtful. She made those close to her feel special with her personal notes and greeting cards. She often spent countless hours sifting through cards searching for just the right one, with just the right message, so that she could add her personal sentiments and signature before mailing it.

Some of Bertha’s favorite pastimes included, eating, cooking, recounting memories, playing board games, knitting, catching a good SALE, and having a good laugh. Let’s not forget the times when one pulled out a camera and told her to smile—her face lit up as she struck a pose and uttered the catchphrase, “cheese, chocolate cake!” Bertha enjoyed life. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Bertha leaves to cherish her memory her husband Tommy; daughters, Zebreda and Tanisha; siblings, Willie (Delphia) Smith of Birmingham, Alabama; and Carolyn Smith Symonette of Crown Point, Indiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Bertha was preceded in death by her sister, Lois May Turner.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 37:3-9
New Testament: Matthew 11:28-30

Prayer of Comfort

SelectionMrs. Joyce Tyler

Acknowledgements

Mrs. Natalie Jones-Wallace, Co-worker
Mrs. Novena Reid, Family Friend
Mrs. Brenda Manning, Close Friend
Mrs. Crystal Symonette Clark, Niece

PoemMiss Amanda Symonette

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist

Message of HopeMinister Bonnie Rampersaud

Committal

Recessional

Interment:
Heritage Memorial Cemetery
Waldorf, Maryland