



## Josephine Pettiford

February 17, 1913 - December 2, 2006

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 11, 2006 at Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 624 S. Outer Dr. with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Marvin C. Pryor will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Sunday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Pettiford passed away Saturday, December 2, 2006 at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper at the age of 93 years old. Josephine (Larrymore) Pettiford was born February 17, 1913 to the union of Joseph and Annie (Moses) Larrymore in Calhoun County, St. Matthews, South Carolina. Early in life she married Henry Howell, who predeceased her. To that union three children were born, with Cristabell (Howell) Woodson being her only surviving daughter. She came to Saginaw, MI in 1941 to make a better life for herself and her daughter. Later she met and married William Clark Pettiford, who predeceased her in 1969. Josie owned and operated her own adult foster care facility for over 40 years, retiring in 1990. She received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior very early in life and found strength in prayer for everyone. She took pride as a prayer soldier and "Mother" of her church family, Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., under the guidance of Bishop Marvin C. Pryor. She enjoyed being active in church affairs and enjoyed taking charge of her grands, great-grands and great-great-grands. She was always there when needed and enjoyed cooking, gardening and tending her flowers. She truly loved her entire family and taught us much in her lifetime. She leaves to cherish her memory, her

precious legacy, her only daughter, Cristabell (Howell) Woodson; 4 granddaughters and their spouses, Geraldine (Charles) Green-Byrd,Carolynne J. Curry (Delbert Smith), Loretta (Kenneth) Longuemire, Pamela (Jimmy) Brooks; 10 great-grandchildren, Johnnie (Linda) Green, Jr., Christie (Jerry) Green-Bass, Elmer T. (Kenya) Curry, Jr., Jason T. (Tajuana) Green, Vannessa C. Curry, Latrice Chandler, Marsha Longuemire (Eugene Perkins), Christine Longuemire-Evans, Jimmy Ray Brooks, Jr. and Shalonna R. Brooks; 37 great-great-grands and 2 great-great-great-grandsons. Josephine was preceded in death by 2 children, Henry Howell, Jr. and Margaret Howell; 2 grandchildren, Joseph Mitchell (Buck) and Cora Mitchell; a great-granddaughter, Sheryl J. Green; 2 great-great-grands, Chaquandrya L. Green and Charles T.J. Clemons. The family wishes to thank Covenant Medical Center-Cooper 5-East staff, the Luther Manor staff, with a special "thank you" to "special" care givers, Olga Vasquez, Endora Jackson, Vesie Campbell, Peggy Norman, Betty Brown and Mary Lou Armstrong, for the extra special care given during her stay there. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C. or Luther Manor Nursing Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello there Family members, my prayers are with you all there, of course I wish I could be with you all. This is from the entire Albert Cooper Family & Children of Saginaw, Mi, Nashville, TN, Atlanta Gerogia & Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX(Arlington).

*Love, Peter Cooper(William Dean).*

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**William Dean Cooper (Peter)** - December 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I would like to send my prayers to Gerri and her family at this time. And to let them know that Ms. Pettiford was a very special lady to me. She will be trully missed by all the aides in the building. Please feel free to call on me for anything and always keep your faith in god. And know that she is in a better place. God is good all the time.

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**Endora Jackson** - December 02, 2006 at 12:00 AM