



Mary Canada

September 20, 1924 - January 31, 2009

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2009 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 810 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Thomas J. London will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Mary Alice Carter-Canada passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2009 after a short illness at Covenant Medical Center-Harrison. She was born on September 20, 1924 to Genola Lewis and Elmer Johnson in Osceola, Arkansas. She married Loudis Canada on February 9, 1949. Together they raised seven children. They moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1951 in pursuit of a better job and life for themselves and their children. Mary was employed as a cook and nurse's assistant in several of Saginaw's nursing homes. Mrs. Canada united with Tabernacle M.B. Church in 1951 and served on the Mission and in the Mass Choir until her health would not allow her to attend. She leaves to cherish: a devoted husband of 60 years, Loudis Canada; two sons, Richard Lee and John George (Lezzie) Moore; four daughters, Rosie (Sampson) Pitman, Kathy (Leon) Burnett, Hesther Lowery and Shirley (Jessie) Jones, all of Saginaw, MI; five sisters, Pearly Anderson of Joiner, AR, Mary F. and Barbara Johnson of East St. Louis, MO, Betty Hines of NC and Ernestine Johnson of St. Louis, MO; two brothers, Roosevelt (Willie Mae) Johnson of E. St. Louis, MO and LeRoy Johnson of Memphis, TN; two sisters-in-law, Lovie M. and Carrie Canada of Des Moines, IA; one brother-in-law, Redell Canada of Des Moines,

IA; 24 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren; godmother, Mother Gerdine Anderson and two god-daughters, Ms. Bobbi Granberry and Ms. Gloria Neal Coleman, all of Saginaw, MI, a host of other relatives, nieces, nephews and special friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Lucy Pearl and Ethel M. Dawkins, two sisters and one godson, Augusta Granberry.

Tribute Wall

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“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOST

ANDREA - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are so sorry to hear about the lost of your mother. Just remember Sister Pitman we are always there for you. GOD will give you the strength that you need each day. The Parm Family.

Mother Parm & Family - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am sad and sorry to hear about cousin mary she will be missed greatly she was the one we always called to answer any questions and solve any family problems, Family please know that she's in a better place and have no more pain we will never be without her because we all have her in our hearts please be strong and keep the faith. I love you and you all are in my prayers.

Sabrina (Haynes) Williams - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ TO RICHARD LEE AND THE CANADA FAMILY.I SAT WHERE YOU ARE SITTING NOW A FEW MONTHS AGO. REMEMBER PRAYERS GO UP AND BLESSINGS COME DOWN.THINKING OF YOU NANCY WILLIAMS.

NANCY WILLIAMS - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I just want the family(Her children)to know that I can't imagine the lost that they are feeling right now because it is unreal to me. grandma will be deeply missed since she was the thread that held our family together. But we have to remember she left us with a legacy of love and we should use that love to try to keep each other strong through our time of loss.

I love you all!

Bye Grandma

Lisa Garrison - January 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM