



Mary Smith

October 8, 1917 - December 17, 2005

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2005 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor P. David Saunders will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave. on Wednesday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. Our beloved mother, sister and grandmother went home to be with our Lord on Saturday, December 17, 2005 at the age of 88 years. Mary Smith was born to Hattie (Graddy) and William Hunter on October 8, 1917 in Georgetown, GA. Mary was educated in the Georgetown, GA. school district and was also licensed in cosmetology in Fairfield, AL. She married Jim Henry Smith in Saginaw, MI, where they raised a family and made a life together. Mary loved her family. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, traveling and shopping. She was a good neighbor and friend to everyone she met. Mary believed in giving back to her community by donating diligently to many organizations and charities. Mary was also an active member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, where she served on the Steward Board, WhoSoEverWill Club and the Busy Bee Club. She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Rosemary (Douglas) Liddell; four sisters, Bessie Hunter, Georgetown, GA, Geneava Alscindor, Morris, GA, Milliage Jones, Cleveland, OH, and Vertis P. Smith, Saginaw, MI; one brother, Willie A. (Ella) Hunter, Georgetown, GA; 11 grandchildren, including four special granddaughters, Tawanda Mason, Detroit, MI, Taquita Knox, Brandie Liddell, and Mary Rose Liddell, all of Saginaw, MI; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family members along with a very dear friend, Leola Homes. Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Henry Smith; two sons, Laverne Knox and Henry Smith; one daughter, Lee Essie McMillan and four sisters, Velma Barner, M.L. Elliott, Alice Christian and Hattie Celestine. The family would like to give special thanks to Lynnette Scott and the staff at Luther Manor.