



## Emma Mae Waters

July 28, 1932 - February 26, 2025

### EMMA'S LIFE AND LEGACY

On Wednesday, February 26, 2025, as God walked among his flower garden, He picked a beautiful rose, Emma Mae (Wanda) Waters, and carried her on to glory. She was born on July 28, 1932, to Moses Frances and Myrtle Beckett Smith, the youngest of their twelve (12) children. Her parents and siblings, Preston, David, Ethel, Arthur, Lillian, Hazel, Cearney, Frances, Elizabeth, William and Helen all preceded her in death, along with husbands, Joseph William Armstrong and Samuel Howard Waters, Sr.

During her lifetime, she lived a productive life, touching the lives of many people with a legacy of love by service to others: offering sound advice, providing transportation to those who needed it, being a caregiver for family and friends, a mentor, and visiting the sick and shut-in. When it came to being a confidant, one didn't have to worry about their secrets; they went with her. She delighted in being outside and gardening, keeping a clean and orderly house and traveling to different places. She liked having cars with a big engine. And when it came to driving, she had a heavy foot! All of this she enjoyed until her health began to fail.

Her faith in God's journey began in the early 1950's when she joined Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, serving as a Choir member, Pastor's Aide, Usher, Bereavement and Hospitality committees and being a Deaconess. She always

looked forward to attending Sunday School and Bible study. Ms. Wanda loved the Lord and exemplified it with her living, by standing firm in what she believed and trusting in the Lord.

She leaves with cherished memories: daughters, Josephine Armstrong, Deborah Smith and Cheryl Ann Dorsey (her primary care-giver); son, Duane Armstrong; grandchildren, Kelly Marshall, Patrick (Shenita) Smith, Brian (Kelly) Smith, Derrick Smith, Sr., Brent Marshall, Jared Armstrong, Amber (Jordan) Asbury, Mercedes and Markee Coverdale; 20 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; step-children, Yvonne Armstrong, Cathy and Jerome Winslow, Sandy and Sammy Waters, Jr. and Yvonne Dennis; daughter-in-love, Edith Armstrong; a longtime sister friend, Shirley Gustis and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and all who called her Mom Wanda.

Also those who preceded her in death were her son, Michael Armstrong and grandsons, Ivan and Rodney Armstrong and Kyron Marshall. Mom Wanda's Memories will live on in the hearts of all those by whom she was surrounded. Take your rest Wanda, until we meet again.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
5558 Castle Hill Road  
Snow Hill, MD 21863

## Funeral Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

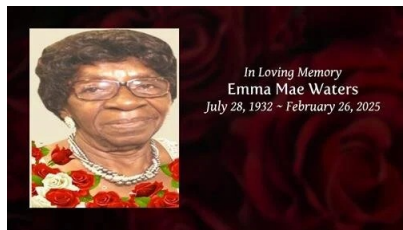


“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - March 08, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Emma Mae Waters*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - March 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM

ES

“ *Condolences to Debbie, Smith and family. For the loss of your dear mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sampson/ Holland and Hall Families*

Ella Sampson - March 08, 2025 at 05:13 PM

BR

“ *Me n my girls are going miss you so much we love you nanny look down on us n the family*



Bryaunna - March 07, 2025 at 05:16 PM

VC

“ *Veronica Clair lit a candle in memory of Emma Mae Waters*



Veronica Clair - March 07, 2025 at 01:42 PM

VH

“ *My condolences to the family of Ms Wanda.*



Vicki Harmon - March 07, 2025 at 08:58 AM

BG

“ *My prayers and condolences to Miss. Wanda's family.  
A life well lived  
A loving heart  
A lasting legacy  
Love Always  
Bea, Sean, Keith & Kia Grinage*

Beatrice Grinage - March 07, 2025 at 08:30 AM

RJ

“ *Richard Robins Jr Junebug lit a candle in memory of Emma Mae Waters*



Richard Robins Jr Junebug - March 07, 2025 at 07:22 AM

RJ

*Sorry for your lose Junebug.*

**Richard Robins Jr Junebug** - March 07, 2025 at 07:22 AM

TS

“ *My condolences to the Family. Ms. Wanda was very loving person and will be truly missed.*

*Love You All,  
Tonya & Brian Scarborough*

**Tonya Scarborough** - March 06, 2025 at 03:15 PM

TS

“ *Tonya Scarborough lit a candle in memory of Emma Mae Waters*



**Tonya Scarborough** - March 06, 2025 at 03:03 PM

AC

“ *Amanda Collins lit a candle in memory of Emma Mae Waters*



**Amanda Collins** - March 06, 2025 at 11:29 AM

AD

“ *My condolences to the Family. My God continue to watch over you. Peace and Blessings.*



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**Annette Drumgo** - March 05, 2025 at 02:38 PM

BD

“ *Barbara Drumgo-Brown purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Emma Mae Waters.*



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**Barbara Drumgo-Brown** - March 05, 2025 at 08:48 AM

BD

“ *Barbara Drumgo-Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emma Mae Waters.*

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**Barbara Drumgo-Brown** - March 05, 2025 at 08:48 AM

CB

“ *Cassandra & Barbara lit a candle in memory of Emma Mae Waters*



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**Cassandra & Barbara** - March 05, 2025 at 07:12 AM

TW

“ Tammy Waters lit a candle in memory of Emma Mae Waters



Tammy Waters - March 04, 2025 at 08:34 PM

SR

“ Wow! This one is a bit hard for me to handle. You took me under your wing when my Mom passed away. You encouraged me to always put God first in everything that I do. You will truly be missed.. My condolences to your family and friends 🌸🌸🌸



Stacy Revels - March 04, 2025 at 04:01 PM

PC

“ I have loved you All my life💔💔💔 Thank you for guiding me and being you!  
Your living Neice Pamela



Pamela Coston - March 04, 2025 at 10:05 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - March 04, 2025 at 07:30 AM



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March 03, 2025 at 05:10 PM