



Essie Mae Sauls-Loper

September 10, 1912 - October 12, 2012

Essie Sauls Loper was called home to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, October 12, 2012 at her home. Her children Jesse, Elsie and Russell were at her side. She was 100 years, 1 month, years young. She was born September 10, 1912 to the late Charles and Nettie Batts, in Wilson, North Carolina.

She was educated in the Wilson County school system. At age 18, she met Agelee Sauls, a truck driver, after a brief courtship they were married. They later moved their family from North Carolina to Delaware. Agelee continued as a truck driver and she did domestic work to support the family. She was later employed by Milford Memorial Hospital, for more than 25 years. She soon became the head cook at night. Her marriage ended with Agelee Sauls by divorce.

She accepted employment with a prominent family in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, assisting with the care of their two daughters and cooking. While working in Pennsylvania she met and married Elias Loper. When they decided to retire, they quietly settled in Lincoln, Delaware. After a prolonged illness Elias departed this life at home with Essie beside him.

She attended Siloam A.M.E. Church in Lincoln, Delaware where she is known as a strong woman with deep faith. She continued her steadfast walk with God where she served on the gospel choir, as a missionary and as a Mother

of Siam. She delights in being with her large and loving family. One of her special joys is having her children around her.

She was preceded in death by: (parents) Charlie and Nettie Batts, (son) John Tomas, (sisters) Geneva Wells and Beatrice Seaberry, (brother) Richard Rice, (Great Grand Son) Christopher Sauls, (Daughter-in-law) Carrie Sauls, and (Son-in-law) Kenneth Deputy.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: (children) Annie Sanders (Theodore) Wilson, NC; Jesse Sauls, Milford, DE; Elsie Sauls Deputy, Milford, DE; Nettie Pone (Willie) Mt. Vernon, NY; Rosa Smith (Matthew) Dover, DE; David Russell Sauls (Antoinette) Milford, DE. 27 Grand Children, 46 Great Grand Children, 36 Great-Great Grand children. A special lifelong friend Mrs. Rebecca Davis. Many nephews and nieces.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Sister in Christ, Soror Rosa & family,
You have my deepest sympathy on the transition of your Mother to
heaven. What a long life! Thank God! Sisterly, Althea*

Althea W. Armstrong - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM