



Mamie Stanley

November 22, 1916 - March 12, 2015

“My Grace is Sufficient”.... And so it was for Mamie Marie Stanley on March 12, 2015; whereas, she departed this life to continue her spiritual journey with her Lord and Savior. Mamie Marie Stanley was the daughter of the late Carvillia (Carrie) Johns and Peter Johns. She was born in Dorchester County, November 22, 1916. She grew up in Hurlock, Maryland and was educated in the elementary and secondary schools of Dorchester County.

At the age of twelve she accepted Christ as her Savior, becoming a member of Washington Methodist Church in Hurlock, Maryland. From that day on for the next eighty-six years she advocated, lived and committed her life to God. Mamie Stanley espoused love and spirituality. She practiced humility, embraced dignity and allowed gratitude to unlock the fullness in her life. It was those constellations that formed the choices of her life and sustained the veracity that powered her engine of spiritual growth.

She joined in matrimony with the Rev. George L. Stanley and was married for sixty-four years until his passing in August 2000. God being the source of her life made it easy for her to embrace the responsibilities of a pastor’s wife – a journey she used to encourage and teach many people about the power of God’s love and how to travel along God’s pathway. Through the ministries of Methodist churches in Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne’s counties, she led by example nurturing others to active Christian service.

Mamie Stanley, with amazing grace, had the ability to nurture each spiritual relationship in ways that endeared even the skeptical. Her formal evangelistic training prepared her to become a founding member of an ecumenical Eastern Shore Evangelistic Society. She was also blessed to be a delegate or representative of the Delaware Conference (Tindley Temple – Philadelphia, PA) and later the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of the United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. Her determined, bold, indomitable spirit, resilience, joy and humor inspired many. Her family and friends will continue to keep alive glimmers of her wisdom expressed through assured truths that only the longevity of ninety-eight years on this earth can provide. She willingly often reminded others that in life “It’s not what you lose; it’s how you use what you have left”.

Her life as a citizen of Maryland was highlighted by numerous awards, proclamations, citations, Governor’s Honors, congressional, and senatorial recognitions. As recent as 2013, she was honored by the Maryland State Department of Aging with an Unsung Hero Citation. At the age of ninety-six, she was honored at the Art Academy Museum (Easton, MD) for hand making a silk scarf... that honor remains posted at the Maryland State Arts Museum (Baltimore, MD). In March 2011, she was featured in a book titled...In a Different Light – Reflections and Beauty of Wise Women of Color, authored by Dorothy Bailey. She greatly appreciated all honors and awards and recently received one of the 4th Annual Black List Awards given by Ministers and Citizens for Change, Inc. However, she especially cherished the Hurlock United Methodist Church, Christian Love and Nurture Service Award.

We will always remember our beloved Matriarch - her spirit in our service to God; her soul in the warmth of our prayers; and her stature throughout our journey.

Mamie Marie Stanley is survived by five children: Evelyn Sampson of Hurlock,

MD; George Stanley, Jr. of Boston, Massachusetts; Gloria Henry (William) of Hurlock, MD; Thelma Sterrett of Heathrow, Florida; and Geraldine Pauls (William) of Chestertown, MD; twenty-two grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; and twenty-three great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister – Janet Moore (Mechanicsville, MD); two stepsisters – Rosie Johns and Alyce Johns, both of Philadelphia, PA; loving in-laws; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. George L. Stanley; eight brothers: Calvin, Artera, Sidney, Edward, Rudolph, Truxson, Cecil and Dewitt; and five sisters: Edna, Carvilla, Pearl, Bernice and Elenora.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my condolence. I hope that you are able to draw comfort from the scriptures during this difficult time. Matthew 22:32, Jesus quoted God as saying: ‘ I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.’ Then he continued: ‘ He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living.’ I know that those words mean that those retained in God’s memory and will return in the resurrection.”

Sherry - April 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Charlene,
Please accept our warmest condolences for the loss of your grandmother. Heaven was missing an Angel. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.
"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you, He will never let the righteous be forsaken. Psalms 55:22

Rev. & Mrs. C. C. Hunt, Jr. Raleigh, NC - March 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ It is always sad to lose a loved one. Especially since it was not Almighty God's purpose for man to grow old and die. Death is an enemy to mankind, but Almighty God (Psalms 83:18) is going to remove death, sickness and pain in the near future. (Revelation 21:3&4) Please take comfort in the bible during your time of grief and may your entire family be strengthened and blessed at this time.

Doretha Sampson - March 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss please accept my sincere condolences. I hope you will find your strength and comfort in Jesus promises of the earthly resurrection(:Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will have to mourn the death of a loved ever again. Revelation 21:3,4; Luke 23:43. May GOD(Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - March 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I offer my condolences to the family during your time of bereavement. God comforts us when we mourn on occasions like this. Isaiah 26:19 and Revelation 21:3, 4 contains God's promise that soon all things causing pain including death will be done away with. May you find the strength to endure in the days ahead.

N Dupree - March 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM