



Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March

February 16, 1947 - November 14, 2020

Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March, age 73, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, NY, along with the love and prayers of her family.

She was born in Utica, NY on February 16, 1947 to the late Herman and Mary (Pearson) Murphy. She graduated from Utica Free Academy and worked at St. Luke's Hospital (MVHS) for over 40 years in Nutrition Services.

She was a long-time dedicated member of St. Matthew's Temple COGIC for over 50 years. Mother March was active in the choir and YWCC; she worked very diligently throughout the years as a faithful member in the church. She humbly served as the assistant to Church Mother Upshaw, and later she was appointed by Rev. J.L. Griffin to serve as the Church Mother. Mother March was dedicated in her service as the Church Mother for 20 years and she served in her position until the Lord called her from labor to reward. Mother March had a great love for Rev. J.L. and Lady Griffin and the congregation of St. Matthew's Temple COGIC.

Mother March loved to cook, and she was known for making the "best fried chicken and caramel cake in town". Mother March loved to shop, especially for her church suits and hats and accessories. She was happily married for 52 years to the love of her life, Deacon Joseph March. They have one daughter, Rena who Mother March affectionately called "Baby Girl". Mother March and Rena had a very special bond, and a very special relationship beyond mother and daughter. Rena was one of Mother March's greatest joys. When Rena got

married, Mother March loved her son-in-law, Leroy like a son. Even though Mother March took great joy in her daughter and son-in-law, she was head over heels with her grandchildren. She adored her grandchildren and loved spending time with them any and every chance she got. She was a very proud grandmother.

She also shared a very special relationship with her baby sister, Joanne with whom she talked daily and shopped with frequently. A special thanks to her niece, Missionary Mary Brown for preparing meals and personal nursing care, and to her niece, Gladys Newton "Cookie" who was known to prepare special meals for Mother March. She also leaves a lifelong friend, Mother Emma Tucker. A special thanks to Missionary Darlene Mack-Brown who was always there to give Mother March "Tender Loving Care".

Her loving memory will forever remain in the hearts of her devoted and loving husband, Joseph; her daughter and son-in-law, Rena and Minister Leroy Williams II of Binghamton; her grandchildren, LeRoy "Poopaman" Williams III, and Reah "Sissy" Williams; and her godchildren, Vonnise Humphries, A. J. Newton, Jaylon McKinsey, and Annah Burgees.

She also leaves to cherish her memory, her brother, Larry (Debbie) Pearson of Rochester, NY, and her sister, Joanne Buchanon of Utica; many nieces, nephews, cousins; sisters-in-law, Queen Williams, Ida Samuel, and Lena Johnson; brothers-in-law, Jerry March, and Charles March; and a host of nieces and nephews, friends, and her church family. Mother March will also be remembered by co-workers, medical staff and caregivers at MVHS (hospital, dialysis and nursing home).

Mother March was predeceased by her parents, Herman Murphy, and Mary (Pearson) Murphy; her sisters and brothers, Willie Mae Voss, William Voss, Mosella Gray, and James Murphy; and her in-laws, R.T. and Mamie S. Barnes, Lula Belle Green, Carrie McCloud, and Boysie March.

Visitation for Mother Mae Frances March will be held on Thursday, November 19th from 11:00 – 12:15 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Due to current restrictions, we will be operating at a

reduced occupancy. We ask for your patience as we try to accommodate those coming to support the March family. Mother March's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 at the funeral home upon conclusion of visitation. Face masks are required and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented. Interment will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Mother March's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VE

“ *Annah and I will truly miss Mother March, she was loved and she loved Annah. We met Mother March when we became members of St. Matt's, and once they met they were inseparable. Annah and Mother March would get on the phone and just talk about the day and what they both did and Mother March would remind Annah that she loved her and Annah knew it to and loved her back. She tried to get Mother March and Dec. to get a hamster because she loves animals and wanted them to enjoy the hamsters with her. Annah and Veronica Perkins will truly miss Mother March and we will one day see her again with our Lord our God.*

Veronica - November 19, 2020 at 07:15 PM

GF

“ We wish to express our deepest condolences for the passing of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March.
Every man, women and child knows the blessings that a mother gives, but to have a good mother makes one double blessed!
In the book of Job he said; “Naked I came out of my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return! The Lord giveth and the lord taketh away! Blessed be the name of the Lord!”
The Lord works in mysterious ways unbeknownst to the men or women of this world.
May this precious soul still live in the hearts and souls of all who adored her!
Please know this ... We grieve with you family. Our prayers remain steadfast and we all believe as you do, that she has now ascended among the most high therefore we shall still praise our God, in the name of Jesus!

Amen,

Sincerely

Gerald Williams and Family

Gerald Williams and Family - November 19, 2020 at 01:54 PM

RN

“ My deepest condolences to the March and Pearson Family, Mother March was a sweet lady and was a pleasure knowing her, God bless you all



Rochelle Moore Nichols - November 19, 2020 at 08:42 AM

PC

“ *Pastor Angela U Carter lit a candle in memory of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March*



Pastor Angela U Carter - November 18, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March.*



November 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM

VT

“ *My sincere condolences to Dea March my sis Rena, the entire family, Mother March always had words of encouragement, she made you feel special as she would shower you with love and always a big hug. I will miss her dearly.*

Vivian Tucker - November 18, 2020 at 11:10 AM

ET

“ *Deacon March, Rena & the Family. We are grieving with you. Mother March has been my friend for over 50 Yrs. A beautiful Woman of God. I will miss our talks on the phone. She was a woman that loved the Lord and her Family. She loved to sing this song "I am happy just to know that I'm his child". We will miss you, but will keep your memories alive in our hearts. Eld. & Mother E. Tucker*

Emma Tucker - November 18, 2020 at 11:08 AM

RG

“ To the (March) family look to the hills whence cometh your help, your strength cometh from the lord. Mother March was a true woman of God had no respect of person always showed love toward all she met. Mother March your labor in not in vain take your rest see you in that great getting up morning!



Rev. & Mrs. Arthur Gary - November 18, 2020 at 08:12 AM

TB

“ Prayers of love and eternal peace for a truly beautiful woman of God. Prayers of love and support for Rena and family, from Tracy Bowens on behalf of the entire Bowens family.

Tracy Bowens - November 18, 2020 at 12:38 AM

MF

“ Marlene Cieslak and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March.

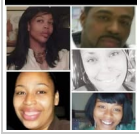


Marlene Cieslak and Family - November 17, 2020 at 09:30 PM

TB

“ We will miss you mother March, our prayers goes out for the family at this time of sorrow. Deacon & sis. T. Brooks.

Thomas Brooks - November 17, 2020 at 08:54 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy to her family and prayers of comfort*



Dawn Winston - November 17, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *We will truly miss you, Mother March. Mr & Mrs T. Thornton, Sr. & family*



Terrence & Tiffany Thornton - November 17, 2020 at 07:29 PM



“ *Mother March you will be missed I will always carry your words of encouragement in my heart and the unconditional love you showed to me and my family. You was surely a true woman of God. Thanks for your wisdom precious Angel until I see you again one great morning. Love you and will miss you Skeat*



Sciquita Banks - November 17, 2020 at 07:23 PM

KB

“ Grieving along with you Deacon March & Rena. Our Sincere Condolences. Remembering Mother March a few yrs ago during Watch-Night Service where she sang her song "I'm running for my Life - If Any Body ask You, What's the matter w/Me, Just Tell them I'm Saved, Sanctified, Holy Ghost Filled, Fire Baptised, I've Got JESUS on My Side and I'm running for my Life! She set the house on fire!!! I shall Never 4-get. Rest Well Mother Mae March! The Blackshear Family

Kathie Blackshear - November 17, 2020 at 07:11 PM

SJ

Bro. March and Rena, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Mother March's love for her family and her church had no bounds. May the memories of her love and care carry you through this difficult time❤️.
Mona Jackson-Avery and family

Shirley Jackson-Avery - November 17, 2020 at 08:58 PM

TH

“ To The Pearson and March Family Sending Prayers of Comfort During Your Time Of Sorrow. She will always be May May to me I Love Her and She Will Truly Be Missed. Absent From The Body Is Present with The Lord!! RIP Your Other Baby Sister Theresa



Theresa - November 17, 2020 at 06:50 PM

JG

“ My life long friend you will be missed, my sincere condolences to her family. Deacon March we love you from California.
Elder James & Jocelyn Griffin

James Griffin - November 17, 2020 at 06:24 PM

MC

“ *Much love from The Copelands purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March.*



Much love from The Copelands - November 17, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March.*



November 17, 2020 at 05:53 PM

RG

“ *Mother March was an angel on earth and a child of God. Her labors have not been in vain. Take you rest Mother March, I will see you in the morning. 🙏*

Rev. J.L. Griffin

Rev. J.L. Griffin - November 17, 2020 at 04:04 PM

GP

“ *George Ann Parham lit a candle in memory of Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March*



George Ann Parham - November 17, 2020 at 03:49 PM

DG

“ *Diana C. Greene lit a candle in memory of
Mother Mae Frances (Pearson) March*



Diana C. Greene - November 17, 2020 at 03:46 PM