

Bertha Mae Evans was a loving, spiritually devoted woman of God. On December 15, 1929, in Sumter County, Georgia, she became the seventh child born to the parentage of the late Press and Mae Bell Angry.

On February 21, 1948, in Terrell County, Georgia, she married her teenage sweetheart, James Cecil Evans. Motherhood came quickly for Bertha. She gave birth to her first child, Willie C. the following year in Americus, Georgia. Willie was soon followed by two other siblings, Josephine and Jessie James. They, too, were born in Americus, Georgia. In 1954, she and her beloved husband, Cecil, moved the family to Miami, Florida, where the fourth and final child, Earnestine, was born.

Upon relocating to Miami, Florida with her husband and children, she immediately sought a church home. She united with the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. J.E. Brown. She served faithfully for over 50 years as a dedicated servant, a faithful member and as an usher and treasurer for the Usher Board. She continued to serve diligently under the current leadership of Bishop Randal E. Holts until her health and age rendered her unable to further serve.

Life's journey ended for Bertha Mae on Monday, June 19th in the comfort of her home. She peacefully exited this earthly tabernacle to be with the Lord.

Bertha's beloved husband, Cecil, preceded her in death on September 7th, 1994. Eight of her siblings—Rufus Angry, George Angry, Charlie Angry, Nettie Angry, Mary Lene Rump, Collie Mae Williams, Mattie Lee Williams and Robert Lee Angry—also preceded her in death.

To cherish the legacy of her memories, she leaves her sole surviving sibling, Lillie Mae Merritt and her loving children: Willie C. Evans (Jackie), Josephine Bethel, Jessie James Evans (Cassie), Earnestine Westmore (Carlos) and her god-son, Melvin Mills (Michelle). She also leaves her grandchildren: Ernia Era, Terrance Evans, Delondell Evans, Anton Bethel, Janell Mitchner, Jessica Evans, JaCondra Westmore, Kharla Westmore and step-grandsons, Carlos Westmore, Jr. and Johnny Westmore. Additionally, she leaves 17 great-grands, 5 great-great grandchildren and a host of devoted nieces, nephews and friends.