



MRS.

*Pearl*  
ANN SMOTHERS

NOVEMBER 3, 1941 • AUGUST 9, 2023

BROTHER GLEN REED, OFFICIANT  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 @ 12:00 NOON  
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# ORDER *of Service*

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BROTHER JAMES RANDALL

SONG NO. 140  
"LIFE WITHOUT END AT LAST"

PRAYER  
BROTHER JAMES RANDALL

READING OF THE OBITUARY  
BROTHER WAYNE ROCKETT

DISCOURSE  
BROTHER GLEN REED

SONG NO. 151  
HE WILL CALL

PRAYER  
BROTHER GLEN REED

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*"And I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."  
Acts 24:15*

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# WORDS *of love*



When I was a child, I didn't understand how hard you worked to provide everything you wanted for me and my siblings. Folks might say it's parent's job, but looking back, I know you did so much more and gave us much more than you needed to. And you did it with so much love. I always wondered, where will I be without you?

You raised me to think independently, love everyone even when love wasn't reciprocated. I never felt pressure to be exactly like you or model my life after yours. You gave me the freedom to form my own style, build my own skills and discover what makes me happiest.

You put your own needs aside to care for me and my siblings. As an adult, I understand how you sacrificed, and I know how fortunate I am to have been blessed with such a wonderful mama. No matter the situations life has dealt, you handle them the best way you knew how. I've looked up to you all my life and growing up, I assumed you could do almost anything. You understood me when I was growing up and the mistakes, I made were part of learning. You never expected me to be perfect.

You showed me how to make the most of the good times and to face the difficult times with courage. You taught me to treat others with respect and always remain in my truth. I've watched you build strength from weakness and transform setbacks into chances to succeed. You helped and inspired me to gain something positive from every experience, good or bad. Your influence is the root of all my strengths and the reason I've grown up to be confident, capable, honest with myself and to others and happy with my life. You were a woman of countless abilities, so.....

If I am strong, it's because of You.  
If I have a caring heart and spirit, it's because of You.  
If I am kind, it's because of You.  
If I am loving and passionate, it's because of You.  
If I am honest and sometimes too honest, it's because of You.  
If I am compassionate, it's because of You.  
If I am independent and confident, it's because of You.  
If I am determined to do my best, it's because of You.  
If I am always smiling, it's because of You.

I'm so glad that God in His infinite wisdom allowed me to belong to you, to be one of your children for almost 64 years. More than anything, I feel blessed and I'm thankful to have been given the honor love you, the strength, the endurance, and the ability to care for you these past nine years. And, to be married to such a wonderful, loving and understanding man, Archie to help me help you through your journey. I will always love and cherish you for the rest of my natural life.

So, Mrs. Pearl Ann Smothers, It's an Honor to be your daughter, and Call You, My Mama. I will always remember The Best Parts of Me are From You.

*Ramona F. Terry*

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## A LIFE TO REMEMBER FOR A *Virtuous Woman*

On November 3, 1941, a beautiful baby girl was born to the union of the late Leroy Davis, Sr., and Lula Mae Davis. They named her Pearl Ann. She was the 10th child, but not the last...lol. Pearl was born in New Iberia, Louisiana. She was a devoted wife to her late husband, Clifton Smothers, a loving mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, and a loyal friend.

Pearl lived in New Iberia during her childhood and some of her adult years; then, in 1969 she and her then boyfriend Clifton, along with seven children from a previous marriage to Emery Lewis, Sr. packed their belongings and moved to Houston, Texas. Pearl and Clifton were married on July 3, 1972, and shortly afterwards, welcomed an eighth child to the family, a baby girl. Pearl was truly fruitful in the child-bearing department.

Pearl's love for her entire family was immeasurable. She genuinely enjoyed being a mother and it always showed by the care and love she gave to them throughout her life. Pearl's children were her pride and joy. Although, caring and loving them and her husband were her top priority, Pearl also cared and loved others without any hesitation. She was always pleasant, exerted a giving spirit, and had a genuine persona to everyone because she loved to love. She was everybody's friend. If you had the honor of being in the company of Pearl, you witnessed a beautiful person inside and out. Her pleasant personality and her welcoming smile attracted others to her. She welcomed you with opened hands and with an open heart without expecting anything in return. Her virtuousness was impeccable. She loved to dress and with class. Everything had to match from 'head to toe'. Pearl was truly a delightful and wonderful woman who also showed her 'true' self with kindness to everyone she knew and met.

Although Pearl lived the early years of her life as a Baptist, she started studying the bible daily, then on June 21, 1986, she decided to dedicate her life to Jehovah God and became one of Jehovah's Witnesses (JW). She thoroughly enjoyed attending her JW meetings and bible studies at the kingdom hall, participating in door-to-door ministry, witnessing to others and attending congregation assemblies. Her late husband, Clifton attended a few of the meetings with her at times and she was elated.

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In addition, she enjoyed attending gatherings with her JW friends and hosting gatherings as well. Pearl loved being one of Jehovah's Witnesses and she serve Him faithfully until she was no longer physically and mentally able to do so.

The other things Pearl enjoyed doing was cooking, working in the yard taking care of her beautiful flowers, decorating and entertaining; however, shopping was always No. 1. Pearl LOVED to cook and prepare meals for her family, friends, and others. If you ever had the opportunity to enjoy any of Pearl's home cooked meals, you are probably still trying to lose the extra love you gained. Another thing she enjoyed was traveling to Sacramento, California to visit her children and grandchildren. Every visit she made she had something in that suitcase to give to her family. It never failed. She also frequently traveled to New Iberia, Louisiana to visit her sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Pearl Ann Smothers departed her earthly life on August 9, 2023 @ 2:24am in Carmichael, CA where she lived and was cared for by the staff of Oakmont of Carmichael Senior Living and Memory Care. She was preceded in death by her husband Clifton Smothers, her first husband Emery Lewis, Sr., her parents, Lula Mae and Leroy Davis, Sr., her son Rene P. Lewis, siblings, Ella Mae Kately, Alma Cleary, Mary Lee George. Gloria Collins, Ollie Fuselier, Shirley Mae Fuselier, Ophelia Bernard, Barbara Jean Charles, adopted sister Melody, Wallace Davis, and Albert Davis.

Pearl leaves behind to cherish her memories to daughters, Sarite M. Bashay of Sacramento, California, Ramona F. Terry (Archie) of Lincoln, California, Lesley N. O'Neal of Houston, Texas, sons, Donald R. Lewis and Gilbert D. Lewis of Sacramento, California, Emery Lewis III (Pauline) and David A. Lewis of Houston, Texas; and hosts of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and others that she truly adored and loved so dearly. She will always be missed, but never forgotten.

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Dear Mama Pearl,

This is a letter to express how I love you. You sacrificed and gave me the world and I will forever be grateful. My strength comes from you. Watching over you come obstacles when people in your circle thought it wasn't possible. When I see you, I see greatness. When I see you, I see perseverance. When I see you, I see patience. When I see you, I see unconditional love. Your baby girl learned a lot from you, Pearl. Your baby girl loves you and will miss you very much. Someday mama, I hope we will be together again.

*Lesley O'Neal*

My wonderful, beautiful and dear mother. I will miss you so much. You were there for me and you did everything that a mother should so in raising her children. Mom, you are a jewel to me and I will never forget you. I look forward to the time when you will wake up and I'll be there to greet you. Love you so much. May Jehovah with you, mom.

*Sarite*

### *Tributes of Love Your Children*

When we count our blessings, we think of you Mom. You were always there for us through thick and thin. No words can describe the depth and gratitude we have for you. You gave us love, care, support, encouragement, guidance, and hope. When we didn't know which way to turn, many times you knew the right thing to do and/or say to keep us on the right path. Your love was always evident and unconditional. You never failed any of us no matter what obstacles we faced or what you yourself was going through. It is comforting to know you was always there for us. You were an amazing mom, and we are fortunate to have a such a mother like you. Perhaps some of us didn't know how much we depended on you and how much we appreciated your loving and giving heart. You gave us all of you and more, even when some of us didn't deserve it, but you did it because you loved us all, no matter what. You never left us or abandoned any of us when times were tough even in our adult years and you sacrificed so much of yourself because you loved us. You will truly be missed mom, but never forgotten. We All Love You and Rest in Peace.

*Sarite, Ramona, Donald, Emory, David, Gilbert Et Lesley*

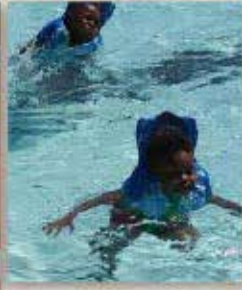
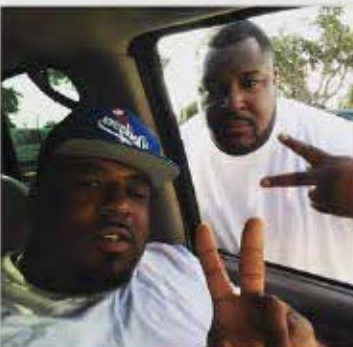
### *Your Grandchildren*

You may have passed, but your memories would always live on within us. Thank you for your sacrifices, your care, your concerns, your love and everything you've done for me. Wherever you are, I know you are in a much better place. I will be forever grateful that you are my grandmother. Love you!

*Patrick, your oldest grandchild*

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Grandma...I can't believe your gone and I still don't think it truly sunk in. I find it remarkable that despite all your physical struggles in the last few days, you were a true fighter. It eases the pain and sadness of your passing to know you have a resurrection hope. You loved us all deeply and we felt it. I hope you were able to feel our love pouring right back at you. We love you so much then and now and forever.

*Brandy*

Grandma...Thank you for being there through my struggles and loving me unconditionally. When I was lost you helped find me and that confirmed how much you truly loved me. I love you and I miss talking to you.

*Deana*

Grandma....As I reflect on my relationship with my grandmother and look through letters/cards she sent me and photo memories of our times together, I came across a funny thought I shared online back on July 24, 2011. My exact words posted were "Talking with Ms. Pearl Anne on the phone...should talk to her more often because it's been an hour already and we're still on the same subject. Lol...still luv you Grandma! I'm just gonna "yes Ma'am" and 'ah huh' the rest of the conversation. That memory captures a point in time where I'm not just a grown woman (in my 30s at the time) but also a new mother with a then six-month old baby boy (Karter). Whatever it was we were talking about I'm sure I needed that as much as she did. Grandma, I just want to say 'Thank You' for being a rock for your children, your husband, your grandkids, and the rest of your family. Your way, although strict at times, gave structure when needed but your love always prevailed above all. Grandma I appreciate learning from you in my earlier years and sharing laughs and walks with you in the later years. I love you dearly and will miss you forever.

*Kristal*

Grandma Pearl Ann,

I want you to know that your infinite wisdom, love, and kind heart is something I will cherish forever. All the summer vacations at your house where, before I could enter your home, you used to tell me 'You gonna walk chalk line' around her. And I will reply 'what's chalk line'? and you'd say, 'A STRAIGHT LINE'. Well, grandma, I promise to walk straight and be an upright woman like you were, As I am your namesake, I promise that I will represent what you represented. You made everyone feel welcomed, you sincerely loved your family, and you took care of your home. You cooked fabulously, your laugh was infectious, and your home was pristine. You made a little stretch a long way and you taught us how to be a lady, a wife and a mother. Thanks, grandma, for all the lessons, discipline, and for the fine example you set. Your name will live on through me and I promise I won't steal any soda waters from under the bed. I will love you forever!

*Katryna Pearl - Your opinionated granddaughter*

Grandma...I will always cherish the memories we shared together. Although you're gone now, your memory will remain alive in me and in our family always.

*With Love, Chrissy*

To My Grandma, My Pearl!

You prepared me for a life before I even knew what life was. And, though life without you may seem hard to bear, the life you lived was more than fair. Rest in Peace grandma and hope we meet again. I Love You.

*Connie*

To My Pearl,

A grandmother like you comes once a lifetime. A grandmother with such an incredible spirit. I hate to even write to you knowing you are gone, but not forgotten. I'm happy you can be at peace with your soulmate. It just hurts more that you left me, but I understand the reason why. I'm forever thankful for all you taught me. The way you held your head high when you woke up and when you went to bed. I wish I can go back and tell you how much you meant to me. My Pearl was the sweetest lady. My Pearl spoke her truth and spoke her mind. My Pearl was feisty. My Pearl loved to laugh and hate to cry. My Pearl was a family lady, a great mother and grandmother to all the hardest working women I know. You were and still forever will be My Pearl.

*Chanel, Your Little Twin*

Dear Grandma

I love you and will miss you. I still remember all the times you would cook for us and that laugh you would have after something made you laugh. I know grandpa was up there waiting on you on the other side. I know years pass fast and life is precious, so I ask you to watch over us all. Love and miss you. Rest easy beautiful.

*Sincerely, Leon*

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### *Active Pallbearers*

DONALD R. LEWIS • PATRICK BASHAY • EMERY LEWIS III  
LEON O'NEAL, JR. • GILBERT D. LEWIS • LARRY CLEARY

### *Honorary Pallbearers*

JOHN C. DAVIS • ARCHIE TERRY III • LEROY DAVIS, JR.  
TERRELL HUNT • VAN RAY DAVIS • ALTON SMOTHERS, SR.

### *Our Sincerest Gratitude*

We as a family would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and many thanks to each of you for your prayers, condolences, sympathy, kindness, support, donations, phone calls, cards, and all other expressions of love. We know our beloved one touched so many of you in different ways. Your kindness and expressions of love helped us through this difficult time. A SPECIAL THANKS to the staff at Oakmont of Carmichael Senior Living and Memory Care in Carmichael, California for the love and care for our mom, Pearl during her stay at the facility. May Jehovah God continue to bestow blessings upon you and your family.

### *The Family*

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