



Pearline Ray

September 18, 1928 - September 1, 2016

On September 18, 1928 Pearlina was the first of eight children born to FJ and Callie (Parks) McDowell in Lee County. She made the decision to walk with Christ at an early age. She attended school in Leo, TX; After graduation her family moved to Italy and Pearlina moved to Austin to attend Beauty College; where she met and married (March 27, 1947) her husband Reverend Andrew Lee Ray.

To this union was born five children Bettye L. Young, Barbara A. Bell, Wesley L. Ray, Brenda J. Williams and James D. Ray. Rev. Ray and Pearlina pastored a church in Bloomington, Texas for many years. They attended the conference and seminars in their district.

For the majority of her life Pearlina was homemaker, when her youngest child began school she worked for Brackenridge Hospital, Four Seasons Nursing home and later managed her own in-home day care. In 1990 she took her first flight, which began a long journey of visiting family and friends across the country.

Pearline was a strong woman who believed in being independent. Her favorite sayings were, "Never say never" and more recently "Let me do for myself as long as I can, because someday I won't be able to. For Pearlina that day never came. On September 1, 2016 she passed from this life to the next fully independent.

Pearline was preceded in death by both parents, her husband, her daughter-in-law Diane Peoples-Ray, her son Wesley L. Ray, and her son-in-law

Lawrence E. Bell. Remaining to celebrate her life are her five sisters Pauline McCradic of Garland, TX. Mabeline Wilson and Ruby Holmes of Italy, TX. Isabel Kirby and Lois Hardeman of Dallas, TX. Two brothers Lonnie L. McDowell (Mariah) of DeSoto, TX and Caston McDowell (Donnie) of Dallas, TX. Four children, 16 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren Terrick Harris, Jr. and Jazelle White, with whom she shared a birthday.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

3304 E12th & Airport Blvd
Austin, TX 78721

Previous Events

Public Visitation

SEP 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

King-Tears Mortuary, Inc.
1300 East 12th Street
Austin, TX 78702

Celebration Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Olivet Baptist Church
1179 San Bernard Street
Austin, TX 78702

Tribute Wall



“ *Pearline Ray*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM