

Pallbearers

Archie Smith, Jr., Aaron Smith, Jr.,
Patrick Cole, Marcus Williams, Charles Bates

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly, Michigan 48442

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Dorothy Chapman wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of bereavement. Knowing that one day, everyone will cross the same threshold, it is comforting to know that in our time of need, there are special people like you.



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God Saw the Road

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed.
The ever-patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

God saw that you were weary
So He did what He knows best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

Sunrise: March 9, 1949 -

Sunset: July 26, 2025

MOTHER
Dorothy Mae
CHAPMAN



Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder how I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread.
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So, you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remains,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home.
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Order of Service

11:00 AM
Monday, August 11, 2025

Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ
517 Carlisle Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48601

Elder Thomas Bryson, Presiding

Prelude Musician

Processional Clergy & Family

Scripture Reading Old & New Testament Clergy

Invocation Clergy

Selection Praise Choir

Acknowledgements & Obituary Sis. Linda Coleman

Expressions ... (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) ... Family & Friends

Selection Praise Choir

Eulogy Superintendent James Wells,
Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ

Committal - Benediction - Recessional

HONORING THE LIFE OF

Mother Dorothy Mae

Mother Dorothy Mae Chapman transitioned from labor to reward on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Brian's House in Essexville, Michigan. Age 76 years. She was born on March 9, 1949, in Greenville, Mississippi, to Elder Archie Sr. and Mary A. Smith.

Mrs. Chapman was a resident of Saginaw, Michigan, where she graduated from Saginaw High School. Dorothy married Roosevelt Chapman Jr. on January 8, 1972. She was a member of Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ where she served faithfully. Dorothy truly loved God and was saved from her sins. Dorothy was a homemaker; she loved to cook, especially baking and making soup. In her leisure time, she enjoyed reading. Dorothy will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Dorothy is survived by her devoted husband of 53 years, Roosevelt Chapman Jr; one daughter, Michelle D. Chapman; and one son, Roosevelt Chapman III; many dearly loved grandchildren including Jimmy Chapman "Pokie," of Grand Rapids, Michigan; her memories are cherished by three sisters, Betty (Lloyd) Beeman, Bonnie Peoples, and Linda (Gene) Simmons; two brothers, Archie Jr. (Gloria) Smith, and Aaron Smith; many nieces and nephews including great-nieces and great-nephews; sisters-in-law, Sandra and Kathy Chapman, Tracey Smith, Patricia Smith, and Sheila Chapman; many other relatives and friends too numerous to list; and the Mt. Zion COGIC family.

Mrs. Chapman was preceded in death by her parents, Elder Archie Sr. and Mary A. Smith; brother, Elder Absalom Smith Sr.; and two sisters, Esther Smith, and Mary Ann Smith; father and mother-in-law, Pastor Roosevelt (Zelma) Chapman; and a brother-in-law, Michael Chapman.

The family extends special thanks to Brian's House and all who assisted with Dorothy's care; Superintendent James Wells and the Mt. Zion COGIC family; Ivan E. Phillips and the Staff at Paradise Funeral Chapel.