

## EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The family of Myra Peyton acknowledges with sincere appreciation your understanding, your prayers and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement. Special thanks to: Thomas Fisher, NP; MS Home Care of Yazoo City; to the two Mary Smiths, "Mary Fox" and "Mary Neice" for the daily calls and conversations Myra treasured; to Dorothy Hogue for daily companionship and care; to Patricia Henry for sending home-cooked plates with food that Myra enjoyed; to Richard Griffin for making those casino trips that she so looked so forward to; and to Nod Holmes and Mike King for continuing to call and visit as they did when they hung around with Gerald.

~ The Family ~

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tim Jones | David Peyton  
Edd Peyton | Eric Snow, Jr.  
Anthony W. Smith | Rod Walker

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Sean Woody Smith | SyMarquis Williams  
Terry Luckett | Jamar Williams  
Yazoo Indians Baseball Players

## FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces and Granddaughters

## INTERMENT

Cypress Garden Cemetery  
330 Hwy 49 West/ Hwy 3 Bypass  
Yazoo City, MS 39194

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



*Myra Belle Peyton*

*Heaven Sent*

DECEMBER 20, 1932

*Heaven Bound*

DECEMBER 10, 2025

**Saturday, December 20, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.**

**YAZOO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**191 Panther Drive | Yazoo City, MS 39194**

**Rev. Willie Smith, Officiating**

*Pastor, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Yazoo City, MS*

*Pastor, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church - Louise, MS*





## LIFE'S REFLECTIONS *(cont'd)*

### *Myra Belle Peyton*

*Myra saw herself in Dena. She crafted clothes from beautiful pageant dresses to a beautiful wedding gown for Dena. Even though Dena was a daddy's girl and spent most of her time with her father, there was no denying Myra had made an enormous impact on her daughter and instilled so many great qualities in her. Dena followed in her mom's footsteps by taking in and nurturing children, being a great cook, managing rental property and becoming a Food Service Supervisor. Dena gave her the first grandchild, with three more to follow and those grands gave her 5 great grands, whom she enjoyed immensely. Myra had a special affection for all her grandchildren and great grandchildren who gave her great joy and proved to be a source of sustenance until her end.*

*Myra and AJ started David with piano lessons at an early age. Those lessons empowered David to become a proficient and renowned pianist while playing for churches within different communities. She revered David's music. She cracked the window to the garage for his group rehearsals and attended his numerous concerts at school and community churches. Having taught home economics and so many students how to sew, that same interest and skill-set was transferred to her son David, who started his own business in sewing and making garments for many clients. She was overjoyed to witness David's becoming a Supervisor for Yazoo County, following in his father's political passion and desire to be of service to the community.*

*Myra had many obstacles to face when she had her first-born son, Ronald, who was affectionately known as "B". Born disabled, the doctors gave him only a few years to live. God had other plans. Myra took excellent care of her baby. She sacrificed her wants and needs to make sure he had what he needed which was mostly her time and medical care. She nursed him to health and even though he could not walk or talk, he brought her so much joy. Myra always made sure Dena and David knew how to take care of "B" in her absence. She was such a loving and devoted momma to him until his passing at age 14. After his passing she drove him to the funeral home herself and said her goodbyes.*

*Myra Belle Smith Peyton was a mother to the friends of her children, to the students she taught, the baseball players at Campanella, Yazoo City, and Yazoo County High, and to the community at large. Her presence will truly be missed by this community.*

*Myra leaves to cherish her memory, sons David Peyton of Yazoo City, Mississippi and Edd (Kara) Peyton of Southaven, Mississippi; her daughter Aldena Peyton (Tim) Jones of Bentonia, Mississippi; bonus daughters, Greta Peyton Terry, Alva Peyton Taylor of Jackson, Mississippi; her brother Gerald (Annie) Smith of Chicago, Illinois and sister Carriette (Clifford) Weddle of Brown Deer, Wisconsin; her brother-in-law, Ray Llorens of South Haven, Michigan; 3 sisters-in-law, Geraldine Peyton, Mary and Annie Smith; godchildren Phyllis Walker, Billie Walker and Rodrick Walker, Doris Thigpen Williams, and Charles Henderson; and, her extended family of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Program Guide – Janie White



Musical Prelude..... Rev. Steve Dennis  
Pastor, St. Peter M.B. Church

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Scripture Reading..... Rev. Curtis Strong  
Pastor, Mt. Vernon M.B. Church

Prayer..... Rev. Calvin Collins  
Pastor, New Zion M.B. Church – Greenwood, MS

Musical Selection..... “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” .....Tanesha Thompson

Acknowledgements ..... Janie White

Musical Selection..... “My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord” .....Honorable Eldridge Walker  
Mayor of Rolling Fork, MS

## REFLECTIONS

DeMarcus Mahone - As a Baseball Mother

Rod Walker - As a Community Mother

Melba Dixon - As an Educator

Rev. Leroy “Duke” Jennings, Pastor, Free Mission M. B. Church – As a Church Member

Jaslyn Snow – From a Granddaughter

Aldena Jones - From a Daughter

Edd Peyton - From a Son

Special Musical Tribute..... David and D’Avia H. Peyton

Obituary..... Read Silently ..... Soft Music

Words of Encouragement.....Rev. Leroy “Duke” Jennings  
Pastor, Free Mission M.B. Church – Ofahoma, MS

Musical Selection.....“When the Gates Swing Open”.....Patricia Henry

Eulogy.....Rev. Willie E. Smith  
Pastor, New Zion M.B. Church – Yazoo City, MS  
Pastor, Pleasant Hill M.B. Church – Louise, MS

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Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends

# MY MYRA BELL



*Nothing could have ever prepared me for this. What we shared was like no other.*

*You cussed, I fussed—but that was just us.*

*The love you gave me was stern, yet unconditional, and I always knew that.*

*I take pride in carrying your name within mine,  
and I will make sure it lives on for the rest of this lifetime.*

*I don’t fully understand the goodbye in all of this.*

*You have been here for me for 24—not nearly long enough—years.*

*The things you’ve taught me, I will never forget,  
and my two little boys will learn them next.*

*Words and writing were always our thing.*

*Even when you struggled to say it, I knew your love was always there.*

*Hearing how deeply you touched others is a blessing I hold close.*

*I pray your light continues to shine through me,  
reaching this world the way you always did.*

*We need more Myra Bells. Whether we liked it or not,  
she kept us on our toes—but she would never let us fall from our feet.*

*My girl was like no other; she always saw things through.*

*She was a firm believer in family and in the things we all could do together.*

*One thing I do know is that my Myra Bell will never be too far from me—or from you.  
In the words of her brother, Gerald: “Family will fight, but that’s because they are there for each  
other. You can’t fight if you’re not there—and that’s why we stick together.”*

*She taught us this, through joy and pain: family will remain—  
the bond we hold, the love we claim, forever in her name.*

*Jamyra Snow*