

## Her Life Journey

Mrs. Ruth Mae Davis Pearson was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on February 20, 1931 to the late Robert Davis, Sr. and Evelyn Wilson Davis. She departed this life to receive her crown on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Carolina Caring, Sherrells Ford, North Carolina.

She graduated from Oaklawn School as Valedictorian of her class. She worked at Battleground School for twenty eight years. She retired from there as Cafeteria Manager.

Ruth was a faithful member of Poplar Springs A.M.E. Zion Church. She was a dedicated member having served as Church Secretary, Golden GEMS, Missionary President, Director of the Youth Choir, Christian Education, Director of the Youth, Deaconess, Usher and Kitchen Committee. On the District level, she served on Christian Education, Director of Youth, Volunteer Director for the District, and the Campus at Camp Dorothy Walls in Black Mountain, North Carolina. She received the Neighborhood Mother award in 2020, The Spirit of King (MLK, Jr.) award in 2024 and NAACP Mother of the Year Award for several years representing Lincoln County.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, William Louis Pearson, two sons, Patrick Pearson, James Maxwell Gibbs and eight siblings, Lorraine D. Ashe, Essie D. Edwards, Robert Davis, Jr., Kenneth Davis, Bessie D. Bynum, Mabel D. Hill, Sherman, Sr., and Edward Davis.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of her children, Fannie Bratcher of Greensboro, NC; Martha McClain, Gerald Pearson (Stella), E. Jeannie Pearson, Gregory Pearson all of Lincolnton, NC; W. Darryll Pearson (Janice) of Tifton, GA; fourteen grandchildren, Larry, Jr., Kelsey, Kimberly, Travis, Latrelle, Chertina, Darris, Cheron, Amber, Elijah, Chantal, James, Jr., Caleb, Patrick; twenty nine great grandchildren, twenty one great-great grandchildren; brother-in-law, Willie James Erby of Lincolnton, NC; sisters-in-law, Priscilla Hoyle, Diane Abernathy both of Hickory, NC; Barbara Whittaker of Chicago, IL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mama Ruth made sure the sick and shut-ins in the community were taken care of. She cooked every Sunday for her family and whoever stopped by after church. She taught many people how to cook. She and her sisters catered many meals. She assisted many people driving them to the store, work, school and different sports events. Mama Ruth knew how to travel to every A.M.E. Zion church in the District. She knew every grand, great-grand, great-great-grand by their name.





# Order of Service

Processional

Ministers & Family

Receiving of Family & Friends

1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Call To Worship/Invocation

Rev. Keno L. Cannady

Opening Hymn

“It Is Well With My Soul”  
Choir & Congregation

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 27  
Rev. Renae McClain

New Testament Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Elder Latrelle McClain, Grandson

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Verenander L Hughes

Selection

Choir

Remarks (Limit two Minutes)

Evangelist Gail Edwards, Niece  
Mr. Wayne Bess  
Rev. Tony McClain

Acknowledgement & Church Resolution

Mrs. Cynthia Bess

Obituary (Silently)

“I Wouldn't Put More on You”

Selection

“I Pray We All Be Ready”  
Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Keno L. Cannady

Recessional Selection

Mrs. Phyllis Coulter

Committal/Interment

Popular Springs AME Zion Church Cemetery  
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Benediction

Floral Bearers - Granddaughters and Nieces  
Pall Bearers - Grandsons and Great-grandsons

## "I'M FREE"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Ruth Mae Davis Pearson wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.

Service of Comfort Provided by:  
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# A Celebration of Life

## Mrs. Ruth Mae Davis Pearson



**A Gift Given**  
**February 20, 1931**

**A Gift Returned**  
**March 7, 2025**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**Poplar Springs A.M.E. Zion Church**  
**Lincolnton, North Carolina**

**Rev. Keno L. Cannady, Pastor**