

Easter F. Farley

January 9, 1938 – October 19, 2006

Obituary



Easter Farley was born to John Anderson Swain and Ceree Hargrove on January 9, 1938 in Eatonton, Georgia, Putnam County. She was the second oldest of four children. As a young child she attended Butler Baker School in Eatonton. Easter Farley departed this life to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 19, 2006.

As a child, she attended church regularly and had a deep-rooted faith in God. Easter left the state of Georgia in the early 1970s and relocated to Boston, Massachusetts whereby she worked as a seamstress until retirement. She was a very caring and loving person, and after raising her own children, she sacrificed many of her goals, dreams and aspirations to become the mother of her grandchildren, John, Remona, and Tyrell. Although she only completed seventh grade, she encouraged and required her grandchildren to excel academically. She desired to go back to school and get her GED, yet she considered it best to raise her grandchildren and help them to accomplish much more in their lives than she had.

Easter Farley has been a long time member of Metropolitan Baptist Church. She was active with the Seniors Ministry and sometimes supported the Kitchen Ministry as she loved to cook. She has graced people with her sense of humor, frankness and her will to keep on moving, persevering to the end, never giving up. Her faith in God helped her to lead a life full of strength even though her physical body would tell her to quit, still, her will power would not let her give up. These characteristics are what she strived to instill in her own children and grandchildren, while teaching them to trust God and always believing that God would always make a way no matter how dark the night appeared.

She was preceded in death by her father John Anderson Swain; a younger brother, Bobby Swain; her mother, Ceree Hargrove; her daughter, Brenda Farley; and one of her grandson's, Jermaine Rucker. She leaves to mourn her loss, and cherish her memory, yet survive her legacy, one brother, John Henry (Sarah) Swain of Mattapan, MA; one sister, Theodora Nixon of Dorchester, MA; one son, Derrick Farley; seven grandchildren, John (Shanta) Farley, Remona Farley-Smith, Tyronsa Farley, Tyrell Greene, Duwan Rucker, Kinesha and Dante Snell, all of Boston, MA; four great grandchildren, Miracle Smith, David Smith, Sarai Farley and Shaleel McConnico-Farley. She will be deeply missed by many of her close friends, Katie Wilder-Dumas, Margaret "Peggy" Valentine, Elizabeth Rhodes, Ruby Thompson and Debra Horsley. Two of whom will cherish her memory for a lifetime will be Hellena "Auntie Boobie" Jackson who was considered a sister to her and Twana David-Moyo who was like another granddaughter to her.

Still, she leaves distant relatives and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends near and far to mourn her loss for her presence will be missed, but the memories of her will be everlasting.