

Obituary
Pearl Suzette Watson



On January 22, 2010, approximately three months prior to her ninety-eighth birthday, the Lord called our beloved Pearl Suzette Watson (Ma Pearl) to eternal rest. She passed away at her home on Harlem Street in Dorchester, Massachusetts. She was the thirteenth child of fourteen children born to Irene (Turner) McAllister and Emanuel McAllister on April 16, 1912 in Jefferson County, Mississippi. While in Mississippi she married Roosevelt Watson and to this union one child was born, Roosevelt Jr. When their son was young, the family moved to Chicago, Illinois and in the sixties relocated to Boston, Massachusetts.

Shortly after her arrival to Boston, she joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church where she enjoyed over forty years in Christian fellowship. She was best known for her leadership of the Hospitality Committee where she coordinated meals for social events at the church.



Pearl is shown on the left with one such committee.



Standing: Ethel Robinson and Lucille Searcy
Seated: Mary Moore, Pearl Watson (Chair)
and June Cooper

Pearl found employment in Boston as a seamstress, a home care aid, and a paint brush maker. At one point, she made paint brushes in home. Of all of her occupations she enjoyed being a seamstress the most.

She was a loving, caring, giving and humorous person. Imagine what she was saying with hand on hips in the above picture.

She went out of her way to assist people. Words are inadequate to express both her inner and outer beauty. Mrs. Watson was preceded in death by her husband, Roosevelt Watson Sr.; her son, Roosevelt Watson Jr.; two grandsons: Glen Watson and Todd Watson; and twelve of her fourteen siblings.

She is survived by her one remaining sibling, a sister: Inez Reddick of Framingham, Massachusetts; a daughter-in-law: Edith Watson of Dorchester, Massachusetts; four grandchildren: Brenda Huggins, Renee Watson, Duana Watson of the Boston area and Dwayne Watson of New York.

Mrs. Watson is also survived by seventeen great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

We love you Ma Pearl. You will be greatly missed.

Humbly Submitted
The Family

