

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION  
HONORING

Pearlis Lee Finney



ORDER OF SERVICE

Monday, December 30, 2019

12 Noon

Minister Wilber Jackson, Presiding

Musical Prelude ..... Pianist

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Congregational Hymn ..... “How Great Thou Art”  
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Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon George Earl

Reading of Scripture ..... OLD TESTAMENT (Psalms 23  
NEW TESTAMENT (Matthew 6:24-34)  
Minister Stephen Washington

Remarks ..... Pastor/Clergy  
Mr. Russ Taylor  
Deacon Rick Sconion/Family Representative

Acknowledgments ..... Mt. Zion Baptist Church Secretary

Reading of Obituary ..... Read Silently

Musical Selection ..... Mount Zion Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy ..... Pastor James C. Williams, Sr.

Benediction ..... Pastor James C. Williams, Sr.

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

OBITUARY

Pearlis Lee Finney was born in Salisbury, Maryland on January 11, 1928 to the late James H. Finney and the late Lottie A. Finney. Leaving his childhood home in Parksley, Virginia, Pearlis moved to Harford County, where he met and married Minnie Smith in 1946, to who he remained devoted to for nearly 74 years. All recognized Pearlis and Minnie as a beautiful couple who truly loved one another. They spent nearly every day together, since the time they were married.

With Minnie, God blessed Pearlis with two daughters, Shirley and Cecelia, and three granddaughters, Michelle, Monica, and Morgan. Pearlis spent his life doting on “his girls”. No birthday, Valentine’s Day, or special occasion was ever missed. He carried in his wallet a folded paper with the Bomboy candy favorite of each of his girls -- ready for any occasion. After nearly 20 years of unfolding and refolding, the paper fell apart while placing his order. The sales clerks at Bomboy’s were so moved that they handwrote a new list for him to carry in his wallet for another 20 years.

Pearlis had a lifelong relationship with God. He was a member of the United Methodist Church for several decades before joining Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1991, where he served as a Trustee and as a member of the Finance Committee, the Senior Choir, and the advisory committee for Mt. Zion’s expansion. Several years ago, Pearlis and Minnie were honored for their service to Mt. Zion.

Pearlis spent his career managing several lumber companies: Livezey Lumber Company, the Building Supply Center, and Kefauver Lumber Company. He was well respected in the community for his knowledge and expertise in Home Improvement. During his retirement, Pearlis volunteered his time with Meals On Wheels, served as an Election Judge for the Harford County Board of Elections, and became a member of the Harford County Lions Club.

In the early 1960’s, Pearlis met Major John Carr, who was a military dentist stationed in Aberdeen, introduced Pearlis to the game of golf! Beyond his love for God, his wife and family, Pearlis’ love for golf was his greatest passion, and golf loved him. With practice and perseverance, Pearlis worked to perfect his game. He won many tournaments, including the Grand Dad’s Tournament in 1977. Pearls also founded the Aberdeen Birdies golf team. In his late-70’s, Pearlis scored a Hole-In-One that received a mention on ESPN. Pearlis was always willing to impart his golf wisdom and share his skill with anyone who wanted to learn.

Pearlis was also an avid dancer. Many will remember him for his dance skill and the contagion of fun he spread on the dance floor. Members of the Young at Heart Club can attest to the sheer liveliness and joy he brought to the dance floor on Wednesdays when his favorite songs were played. Club members encircled him on the dance floor and witnessed his dance moves with total fascination as he transformed from a 90-year-old who needed a walker into someone who could move with tireless effort.

Pearlis leaves to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife, Minnie; two daughters, Shirley Warfield (Donald), and Cecelia Finney; granddaughters Michelle Pack, Monica Warfield, and Morgan Bush (Matthew); great granddaughter, Ashley Baum (Andrew); great grandsons; Joshua Pack, Christopher Warfield (Morgan), and Andrew Pack; great-great granddaughters: Alexa Warfield, Adleigh Baum; great-great grandson, Braxton Warfield and a host of relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Pearlis was preceded in death by his step-mother Viola Finney; sisters, Frances Cain and Cordelia Gray; and many other relatives and friends.

Rest in peace, Pearlis. A beautiful, full and happy life -- very well lived.

My Way

And now, the end is near  
And so I face the final curtain  
My friend, I'll say it clear  
And I'll state my case, of which I'm certain

I've lived a life that's full  
I've traveled each and every highway  
But more, much more than this  
I did it my, my way

Regrets, I've had a few  
But then again, too few to mention  
I did what I had to do  
And saw it through without exemption

And I planned each charted course  
Each careful step along life's byway  
But more, much more than this  
I did it my way

Yes, there were times, I'm sure you knew  
When I bit off more than I could chew  
But through it all, when there was doubt  
I ate it up and spit it out  
I faced it all and I stood tall  
And did it my way

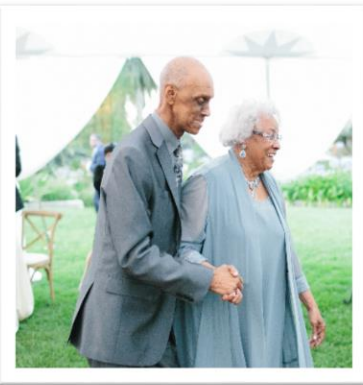
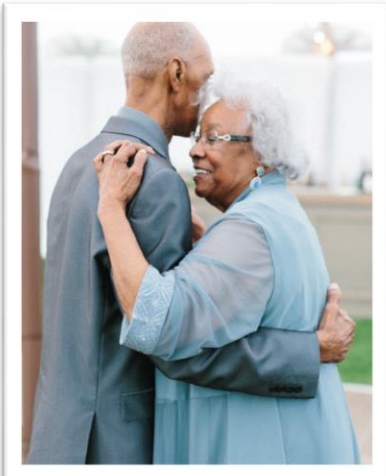
I loved, I laughed and cried  
Had my fill my share of losing  
And now, as tears subside  
I find it all so amusing

Just to think I did all that  
And may I say, not in a shy way  
Oh no, oh no not me  
I did it my way

For what is a man, what has he got  
If not himself, then he has naught  
To say the things he truly feels  
And not the words of one who kneels  
The record shows I took the blows  
And did it my way



## *Special Memories...*



### PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want,  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters,  
He restoreth my soul;  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me,  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late Pearlis Lee Finney would like to take this time to express their deep appreciation for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

### INTERMENT

Berkley Cemetery  
Darlington, Maryland

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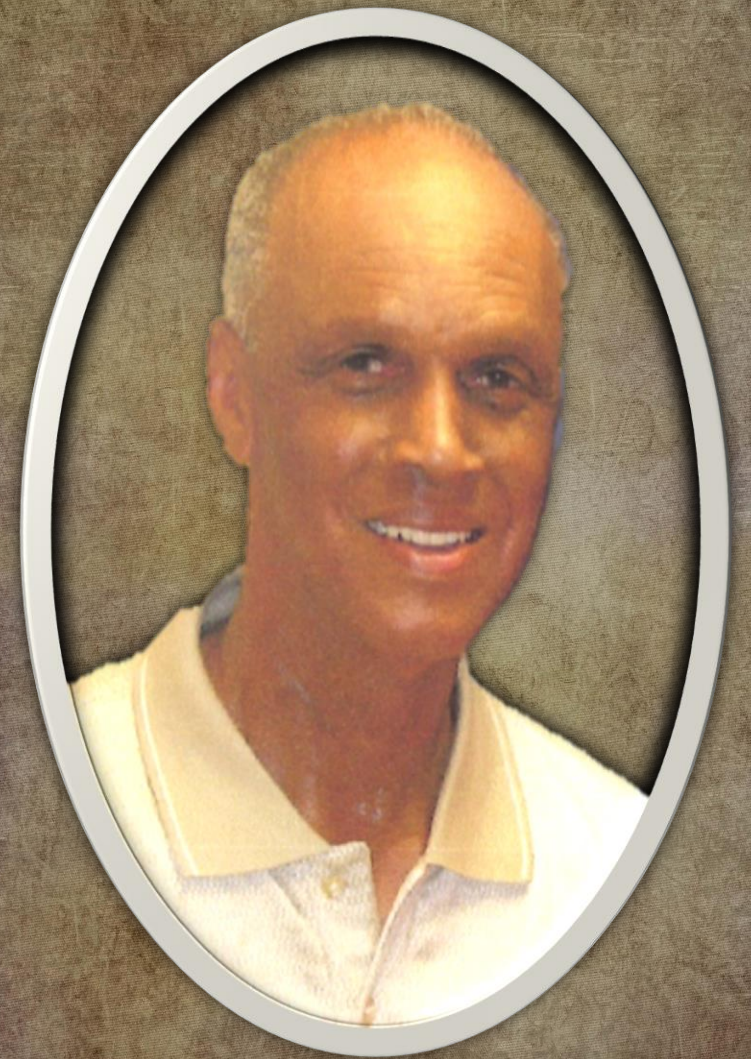


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OF

*Pearlis Lee Finney*

January 11, 1928 - December 20, 2019



**Monday, December 30, 2019**

**Viewing:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.    **Service:** 12:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

520 Lewis Street  
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*Reverend James C. Williams, Sr., Pastor*