

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 91

Flower Bearers
Deaconesses and Missionaries
Mountain View Baptist Church

Honorary Pall Bearers
Deacons Mountain View Baptist Church

Pallbearers
Grandchildren



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Celebrating the Life Journey
of
Deaconess Mae Bell Simpson Cruel



Sunday, December 1, 2019
12:00pm
Mountain View Baptist Church
111 Cagle Street
Greenville, South Carolina 29601
Rev. Stacey D. Mills, Pastor

Order of Service

Minister Mattie Lowden, Presiding

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Selection.....Mountain View Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Deacon Charles Suber

New Testament.....Deacon Calvin Sullivan

Prayer.....Elder James Rabb, Sr.

Selection.....Mountain View Sanctuary Choir
Down at the Cross

Remarks:

Deaconess Gennie B. Harpe (Women Missionary)

Sister Vickie Arthur (Sunday School)

Deacon Calvin and Deaconess Joann Thompson (Church)

Daughter, Brenda Cruel McCrary (Family)

Selection.....Mountain View Sanctuary Choir
Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child

Eulogy.....Pastor Stacey D. Mills

Selection..... Mountain View Sanctuary Choir

Recessional

Interment

Committal/Prayer/Benediction

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

1655 Piedmont Highway

Piedmont, South Carolina 29673



Obituary

Deaconess Mae Bell Simpson Cruel, 88, of Greenville, South Carolina, departed this life on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the home of her daughter. She was the daughter of the late Albert Simpson, Sr., and Luegenia Gwinn Simpson.

Deaconess Mae Bell Cruel attended Sterling High School and retired from the Domestic Industries. She joined Mountain View Baptist Church at an early age where she served as a Choir Member, Sunday School Teacher, Baptist Training Union Teacher, Secretary of the Women's Missionary Union, Member of Circle #2, Intercessory Prayer Team, and Sunday School Superintendent. Deaconess Cruel was active in her community; she volunteered at the Southernside Community Center, sang in the Billy Graham Crusade, attended community meetings and rallies, and was a member of the NAACP.

She was an energetic, thoughtful, loving and caring person. She was devoted to her God, family, church, and community. She was truly a prayer warrior.

Left to cherish fond and loving memories are: her husband, Homer Odell Cruel, of Greenville, SC, five daughters, Brenda Ann McCrary, of South San Francisco, CA, Joyce Victoria Cruel, Chrystal Charmaine Williams and Althea Panchetta Cruel, all of Greenville, SC, and Minister Rosalind Octavia (Elder James, Sr.) Rabb of Powdersville, SC; one son, Marcus Odell Cruel of Greenville, SC; ten grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Thompson and Bobbie Mobley, both of Greenville, SC; one brother, Albert (Leola) Simpson, Jr., of Greenville, SC; three sisters-in-law, Effie Mae Simpson, Peggy Simpson and Patricia Simpson; a son-in-law, Willie McCrary; a daughter-in-law, Gwen Cruel; a brother-in-law, Irvin Thompson; her spiritual grandchildren, Pastor Stacey and Jacqueline Mills; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Deaconess Mae Bell Cruel was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Chris Bonaparte and Tamiko Craig; four brothers, William Simpson, Bishop Alfred Simpson, Arthur Simpson and Joseph Simpson.