



Clara Downes

July 21, 2001

Obituary

For

Clara Beatrice Wright Downes

“Speedy”

Clara Beatrice Wright Downes “Speedy”, of Millington, Md. died early Saturday, July 21, 2001 after a short illness, at the Kent and Queen Anne’s Hospital in Chestertown, Md. She was 62.

Mrs. Downes was born in Wilmington, De., the daughter of the late Raymond Wright Sr. and Lucy Wright- Gale and step-daughter of the late William Gale. Mrs. Downes received her education in Kent County Public schools. After high school, she went to work for Cambell Soup Co. where she was employed for 30 years. After retiring from Cambell Soup she went to work at Heron Point. Clara Downes was a member of Graves Chapel U.A.M.E. church where she served as an usher. Clara at an early age under Rev. John E. Harris gave her life to Christ but in her later age rededicated her life to Christ. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 27 and her favorite hymn was “ I Love To Praise Him” and “ It’s Me Oh Lord.” Mrs. Downes enjoyed gardening and flowers and always provided for others in there times of need. Clara had taken on the task of caring for her younger sister Romona Gale and her two children , Kaniya Jeff and Laron Jeff whom she became a mother to. Clara was very fond of

and devoted to these children.

Mrs. Downes was the mother of a set of twins that preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were a sister, Yvonne Downing and a brother Edward "Ghost" Wright.

Clara leaves behind to cherish her memories: five sisters, Gladys Wilkerson of Millington, Md., Lucy Wright-Johnson of Wilmington, De., Alice Mae Gibbs of Wilmington, De., Rev. Joyce Ann Phillips of Millington, Md., and Romona Gale of Millington, Md., Three brothers, Raymond Wright Jr. of Wilmington, De., Calvin Gale of Rex, Georgia and Michael Gale of Centreville, Md., three step-brothers, William Gale Jr. of Newark, NJ., Preston Gale of Wilmington, De., and Carl Gale of New Castle, De., one aunt, Catherine Palmer, three step-sisters, Clara Gale of Wilmington, De., Margaret Gale of Wilmington, De., and Grace Gale of Boston, Mass., four god children, Dwayne Phillips, Amber Jones, Tonya Wright and Donnisa Hinson, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many beloved friends.

Services will be held Friday July 27, 2001 at 1:00 pm at Graves Chapel U.A.M.E. church in Millington, Md. Friends may call Thursday, July 26, 2001 from 7-9 pm at Graves Chapel U.A.M.E. church and also from 11am to 1 pm on Friday morning.

Interment will follow services at Graves Chapel Cemetery in Millington, Md.

In Lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to Graves Chapel U.A.M.E. Church , P.O. Box 415 Millington, Md. 21651

Arrangements handled by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home 370 W. Cypress St. Millington, Md.

Tribute Wall



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