



Mrs. Virdell Mears

November 27, 1925 - February 2, 2018

Celebrating the Life Of Elder Bride Mother Virdell Mears:

It is a long winding road this life of hers. Many women in our family know that life is not a sprint but a marathon, Elder Bride Mother Virdell Mears was born on November 27, 1925 to Narvell and Burl Vesey in Detroit, Michigan on Orleans Street (in the "Black Bottom").

Her early education began in Bristol, Oklahoma and ended in Detroit, Michigan at Miller High School.

She met and married James Murphy in 1945 and she had six children; James, Lynnett, Kenneth, Keith, Carolyn and Lenora. Later in her life she married Wilmer P. Mears and moved to California.

She was the third of 13 children and was often placed in charge of the ones younger than her. When she spoke, it was the same as Mother Narvell speaking. The older brothers had no say in the matters.

Standing around 5 feet tall her father would say "she was a little piece of leather but well put together." She would stand her ground against anyone trying to harm the children. At the age of twenty, her parents left her with all the children, a young sister-in-law and her child while they went out west to California for two months.

As a teenager she worked in the shipyards as a "Rosie The Riveter" later she was employed at Ford Motor Company and when she moved to California she did domestic work.

She joined the Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army in the early 50s. She became a Mother and a Minister and worked tirelessly in the Church. While in Los Angeles she opened up her home to start a mission for the God of Israel. She, along with Elder Mckinley Herd established the first Church in Compton, California. She became the Assistant Pastor and later Pastored the church until her health began fail in the spring of 2009. She then moved back to Michigan where she remained until her transition on February 2, 2018.

Cemetery Details

United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Feb. **11**. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Monday, Feb. **12**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

Monday, Feb. **12.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Virdell Mears*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My heartfelt symphony to the Mears, Murphy, and Barnett families. May The Lord's peace be upon you and His comfort during this trying time. God blessed Mother Mears with abundant life. Celebrate her life knowing that. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

Debra Amy - February 13, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ *James Murphy & Family
There must be so much joy in heaven now as the Lord welcomes your mother home to be with Him forever. Wishing you Peace!!
Inkster High School
Class of 1963*

Geraldine Watson - February 11, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *Sending prayers and sincere thoughts to the family!
My memory of Mother Mears is when she spoke; she spoke with strong confidence.*

*Peace n Love
Mo. Lois McKinley*



Lois McKinley - February 10, 2018 at 09:43 PM

PS

“ We are extending our heart felt sympathy to the Mears family.
Praying that the God of Israel will bring comfort, courage to face the
days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Peace and Love

Priscilla and Patricia Sawyer

Priscilla Sawyer - February 10, 2018 at 07:55 PM