



Sarah Ellen Demby

July 10, 1929 - October 27, 2012

Sarah Ellen Murray Demby, formerly of Ridgley, Maryland, departed this earthly life on Saturday October 27, 2012, at Dorchester General Hospital. Born on July 10, 1929, Sarah was the 17th of 18 children born to the late James Raymond and Annie Rebecca Murray.

Sarah was raised in Ridgley, Maryland and attended Ridgley Elementary School and the former Lockerman Jr/Sr High School. She shared memories of her school days with her family. Her greatest memory was the day President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited her elementary school.

As a young woman, she attended Replanted Zion Methodist Church, now known as New Beginnings. She was a member of Lockerman United Methodist Church, Goldsboro, Md. until the church closed. A few years later Sarah was baptized and joined Greater New Hope Church and Ministries, where she was a devoted member of the Usher Board. She loved to travel to different churches, sometimes taking her 3 young grand children (Charlene, Athena and Randal) to sing. Due to her health in later years she was unable to attend services on a regular basis, but she tried never to miss a second Sunday to see her 5 granddaughters, Family Praise, minister through dance. In her adult years Sarah worked at the former Caroline Poultry, Denton, Maryland, and Campbell's Soups Company, Chestertown, Maryland. She later worked at and retired from the Caroline Nursing Home in Denton, Maryland. Sarah had a passion for putting together puzzle pictures and solving crossword puzzles. She received many puzzles from family and friends who

knew how much she loved them. She loved to travel with friends and family. And in later years she looked forward to her monthly outings with daughter Carlotta. She truly enjoyed her weekly phone calls from her nieces Delores Concepcion and Margaret Peterson.

Sarah was especially proud of her children, grand children, great grandchildren and great-great-grand children, always giving them an encouraging word, advice where needed and taught them to love the Lord. She was a loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great-great Grandmother. She loved her family unconditionally and had a close relationship with her brothers and sisters and their families.

On August 20, 1948 Sarah married William Howard Henry, from this union were born four children; they later divorced. Sarah married Hazel Demby on November 5, 1977.

Sarah was preceded in death by her parents James Raymond and Annie Rebecca Murray, her husband, Hazel Demby, her oldest son Robert S. Henry Sr., thirteen brothers and four sisters.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters Carlotta M Johnson and Florence A. Jenkins; one son Charles W. Henry, Sr.; two daughter in-laws Shirley Henry and Rhodesa Henry; two stepsons Bernard Demby and Vernon Demby; a devoted friend Claude Gilbert; ten grandchildren: Charlene Gould (Andre), Barbara Henry, Robert Pauls, Athena Brown, Edwin Henry(Yolanda), Octavia Pauls, Henry Mayes(Chelsea), William Johnson, III(Malkia), Candace Henry, and Charles Henry, Jr.

Seventeen great grandchildren: Eric Brice, DeWan Ricketts(Tasha), Markeshia Gould, Kentrell Ricketts, Tamara Gould, Kenyetta Pauls, Aaron Brice, Evan Henry, Brianna Newnam, Sha'Quana Johnson, Da'Quan Johnson, Majiah Henry, Jehiyah Brown, Henriette Mayes, Robert Pauls, Jr, Rysess Pauls and Michael McCormick. Eight great-great grandchildren: Ca'Ley Ricketts, Tyana Newnam, Taymia Brice, Eric Brice, Jr., and Tyzay Brice. Five sister's in-laws: Betty Y. Murray, Delores Price, Janice Taylor, Charlotta

Wilson and Tulicia Henry. Two brother's in-law Alvin Henry and Charles Taylor. One aunt in-law: Wilmina Groce. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends. Sarah was especially fond of her caregivers: Delores Moseley and O'Delsa Hubbard who she considered family. Avisitation will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012 at New Beginnings Church in Ridgely, MD from 6 to 8 PM and on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at St. Luke's Church in Denton MD from 10 AM to 12 PM with service to follow. Interment will follow at the Murray-Henry Cemetery in Ridgely, MD.

Cemetery Details

Murray-Henry

Ridgely, MD 21660

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New Beginning United Methodist Church
12020 Central Ave
Ridgely, MD 21660

Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Lukes United Methodist Church
Denton, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Ellen Demby

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ Sarah Ellen Demby

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ Mommom was just awesome :) I miss you - Life is too short

Kesh Gould - December 20, 2013 at 09:30 AM



“ William Johnson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



William Johnson - November 23, 2012 at 12:01 AM



Love ya

William Johnson - November 23, 2012 at 12:02 AM

CG

“ Because of the love you have given, I will always have love for you. Thank God for how you cared for me. I feel like I need you here even though you were preparing me for the time you would not be with me. Thank you for trusting me with your thoughts and your wisdom, openly expressing the journey of your life. Those memories have kept me strong in this difficult time, because I know you had to turn away from us and continue the journey alone. Some days are very hard, but it comforts me to know that you are "safe in his arms" . I love you so very much, and just as you released me when you looked at me and said to me "I know you love me", it warms my heart each time I feel like its about to break because I know that you loved me too. You live on in the deliberate love, compassion, kindness, and caring I continue to give to my own children. I find comfort in knowing that what you have deposited in me continues to live. You gave us all your very best. Thank God for you. Rest from the weariness of this world.

Love you always,
Charlene

Charlene D. Gould - November 14, 2012 at 09:53 PM

AB

“ Athena Brown lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



Athena Brown - November 11, 2012 at 07:57 PM

AB

To be absent in the body is to be present with God. Enjoy the family reunion. Kiss Eric for me...much love always, forever and a day.

Athena Brown - November 11, 2012 at 07:59 PM

SN

“ i cried when you passed away,i still cry today although i loved you dearly, i couldn;t makeyou stay,a golden heart stopped beating. hard working hand at rest,god broke my heart to prove to me he only takes the best. i well miss you.

shirley ann tyler spencer neal - November 10, 2012 at 03:15 PM

EH

“ Evan R. Henry lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



Evan R. Henry - November 10, 2012 at 09:30 AM

KG

“ Keshia Gould lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



Keshia Gould - November 05, 2012 at 09:59 AM



“ Aunt Sarah, your passing means not only the loss of our aunt, but as the last of your generation, it brings about the end of an era for our family. We wish that we could have you here with us just a little while longer, but you fought the good fight, and now you are at peace. No longer will you have to toil and suffer in this earthly world. You will be sorely missed! "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Shelly

Margaret Peterson - November 02, 2012 at 06:00 PM

PB

“ Aunt Sarah, you were such a woman of great strength and beauty. You will never be forgotten. John and I always looked forward to seeing your smiling face in church whenever we came home, and we always enjoyed how you embraced us with such love and always gave us encouraging Prophetic Words. Thank you for believing in us and speaking into our lives. We Love you!
John and Peyton

Peyton Bailey - November 02, 2012 at 08:46 AM

CJ

Peyton thank you for loving my Mom. She was so proud of you all.
Love you, Cousin Carlotta

Carlotta Henry Johnson - November 10, 2012 at 04:27 AM

RH

“ Rev. Rosalind "Bubbles" Hoxter lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



Rev. Rosalind "Bubbles" Hoxter - November 01, 2012 at 10:54 PM

CJ

Thanks, Bubbles, for remembering my Mom. She thought of you often.

Carlotta Henry Johnson - November 10, 2012 at 04:30 AM



“ *Aunt Sarah, I am truly going to miss our Monday morning chats. Those conversations somehow made me feel as though I was keeping you safe. I would worry if I didn't get an answer, and wouldn't rest until I finally got through. But now I don't have to worry about you anymore for you are resting in the arms of our Savior. The last remaining child of Annie Rebecca and Raymond Murray has been called home, and you will be greatly missed.*

To the family, I leave these words:

*For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 8:38-39)*

Margaret Peterson - November 01, 2012 at 05:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Ellen Demby.*



October 31, 2012 at 05:52 PM

SC

“ Sharon, Bobby And Ciera Crossling lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



Sharon, Bobby and Ciera Crossling - October 31, 2012 at 04:17 PM



“ Margaret Peterson lit a candle in memory of Sarah Ellen Demby



Margaret Peterson - October 31, 2012 at 04:00 PM