



Susie Crite

January 21, 2009

Susie Mae Crite 90, passed away January 22, 2009 at Heartland of Perrysburg.

Life began for Mrs. Susie Mae Crite on March 31, 1918, to the parentage of Charlie Thomas and Margaret Lurry-Franklin (Smith), in Lumpkin (Stewart County) Georgia. She married Willie Dorsey who preceded her in death; their son, Willie Jr. and stepson, Jerry Ellis also preceded her in death.

She grew up with two brothers, Solomon and Rufus White and cousin Eldora Cosby. Both Solomon and Rufus preceded her in death. She attended the public schools in Terrell County, Georgia. Susie confessed Christ at the age of nine (9), at Pine Grove Baptist Church and later moved to Albany, Georgia, where she became an active member of Third Kiokee Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. E. R. Riley. There she served as Sunday School Teacher for the Beginners Class, Secretary of the Missionary Society and President of the Matron's Guild.

She moved to Toledo, Ohio, in 1957 and married Simon Thompson, who preceded her in death. She later married Johnnie Crite who also preceded her in death. In 1957 she joined the Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Samuel Coleman, where she was active in the Sunday School, Missionary Society, and was President of the Coleman's Choir for several years.

In 1961, she became a member of Rachael Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and served as president of the Associate Matron's Guild and went on to become the Worthy Matron. Susie was a member of the Glad Federated Women's Club and the Washington Bethune Club where she served in various offices from time to time, including President, Secretary and Treasurer.

She crossed over peacefully from this life to what lies beyond at 1:15 AM on Thursday morning, January 22, 2009, at Heartland of Perrysburg Nursing Home in the presence of her cousin, Ophelia and Holly, the Hospice nurse. Susie leaves to mourn her passing: Adopted daughter, Irene (Tony) Freeman-Glenn; adopted grandchildren, Mark A., Marquita, and Marcus Freeman, all of Chicago, IL. Step children, Terry (Shirley) Ellis of Albany, GA, Robert W. Crite, Jessie (Robert) Shaw, and Francis (Clint) Giles all of Nashville, TN. God children, Vincent Motley of Albany, GA, and James W. Johnson of Toledo, OH. Special cousins, Eldora Cosby of Albany, GA; Mary Jones of Cuthbert, GA; Anna Mae Wright of Atlanta, GA; Isaac (Suzanne) Shider of Lawton, OK; Ophelia (Edgar) Thompson of Perrysburg, OH; and Charles (Janice) Shider of Albany, GA. Niece, Mamie Manual, of Atlanta, GA, Special friends, Carrie Mathis of Albany, GA, the Mathis Family; the Taylor Family, Rev. Shirley Lyons, Opal Bacon, Homer Jackson, the Jackson Family, Edward L. Carr all of Toledo, OH, Mt. Pilgrim Church Family and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday 4 – 7 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, wake services 10:00 a.m. Wednesday followed by funeral services 11:00 a.m. Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. Raymond Bishop officiant, interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. www.dalefh.com