

“A Geraldine Reed Story”



Some of the most beautiful living things on this earth live the shortest life spans. Seasons seem to pass so rapidly that you began to lose track of them. Events come and go as they please. Years pass by without taking time to stop and say hello. It seems as though you are trapped in a time capsule. The only thing you can do is live until your time is up. What you do with your time reflects what kind of life you lived. Time is only a weathering element that gradually erodes your physical body. We do not have the power to stop this natural process in life. It is a continuous process that never ends. These facts seem unfair, but there is one thing we possess that can stop time from eroding. That simple item we possess is our soul. Our soul is the most valuable possession we will ever have. When one preserves that in their lifetime, they are well deserving to be called a warrior. Strength lies deep within your soul. That is something no individual on this earth can take from you.

Geraldine Reed was born in Noblesville, Indiana on February 22, 1908. She married Pearl Reed on September 24, 1927. They had twelve children. Geraldine was a small woman weighing no more than a hundred pounds. Despite being small, whenever she spoke, her children listened. Geraldine distributed equal love and discipline to her children and grandchildren. She could play the piano by ear since the age of five. She would always sing to her grandchildren. Her grandchildren recall how she would pray for each and every one of her children and grandchildren, every night before she went to bed. She was said to be a very wise woman. She was never quick to speak, but only to encourage. After moving to Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1945, her family expanded. Her grandchildren describe her as a very generous person. She was an excellent cook who would feed not only her family, but also others in need. Her children can remember how they would wake up in the morning to the smell of breakfast cooking in the kitchen. They recall how she would do without some things just so her family could have what they needed.

Geraldine's love she gave to her family will love forever. She has done all she could to keep her family together. Her effort has been rewarded with 195 grandchildren who love her. She is a beautiful rose that has blossomed and shared her beauty with everyone surrounding her. There are many beautiful things on earth, but the life of Geraldine Reed has been the most breath taking of all. To accomplish what she did takes something from within to finish. All she did was rely on her faith in God and what strength she had in herself. She once received a plaque saying, Geraldine Reed- soft spoken of, yet when she spoke everyone listened "Love and wisdom". Pastor Melvin T. Walls in 1993 said; one of her favorite chapters in the bible was Proverbs 31. It talks about a virtuous woman and how her children shall rise up and call her blessed. Her children have done exactly that. Her name is sweeter than honey. It belongs with the names of many queens that have passed on in history. Her legacy will live on through her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren forever.



In Memory of Our Beloved Mother

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