



## Mother Novella Darden Royster

October 10, 1923 - May 5, 2012

Mother Novella Darden (Davis) Royster, age 88, was called home on April 26, 2012. She was born in Pitt County, NC on Oct 10, 1923 to the late Rev Wyatt and Elizabeth Blount Darden. She was the wife of the late Elijah Davis and Lee Thomas Royster. She is survived by 3 sons, General Bishop Elijah Davis (Mother Esther) of Hamden, CT, Deacon Retired State Police Captain Joe Davis (Lurette) of Hamden, CT, foster son, Marvin Earl Cox of Greenville, NC, 2 daughters, Dorothy Davis McMillan (Henry) of Hamden, CT, Pastor Eula Butler of the home, 2 brothers, Bishop Henry L Darden of Winterville, NC, Jessie Darden of Dagsboro, DE, sister, Katherine May of Ayden, NC and a host of other relatives and friends. She also leaves 22 grandchildren, 90 great grandchildren, 40 great great grandchildren. Mother Royster was predeceased by daughter, Ophelia Thomas, son-in-law, District Attorney Willie Thomas, 7 brothers, 6 sisters, grandsons, Andre M Davis, Caliph Barr, Shanfidine Sutton, granddaughters, Wilma Baldwin, Ta'Makisha Caesar. Interment in Ayden Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Novella Darden Royster*

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October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *To The Family of Mother Royster-We send a big group hug to each & everyone one of you. You have our condolences of the passing of your dearly loved one. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2. We are right by your side. We love you all.*

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**Pitts Chapel Senior Choir** - May 31, 2012 at 09:42 AM



“ *Bishop, Lady Davis, Dea. Joe, Dot, Eula - You have our heartfelt sympathy. We know what it is like to lose a mother. She is someone who cannot be replaced. Ecc. 7:2 tells us, " It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart." You all know from the bottom of our hearts that we are available to you. Peace & blessings to the entire family. We love you much.*

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**Willie, Gaynell & DJ Martin** - May 31, 2012 at 09:42 AM

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“ *Bishop Davies and First Lady Davies,  
May The Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rest with you of  
your time of bereavement The Lord Our goes with you he will never  
leave you nor forsake Deut.3:16*

*Love,  
Ministerial Staff*

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**From Your Ministerial Staff** - May 04, 2012 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Dear Bishop Davies and First lady Esther Davies and Family, Our  
Prayers are with you and the lost of someone special my your  
memories of your love one comfort you in this time of bereavement  
just remember God's Love is always with you.*

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**Elder Dennis Carr and Sheila Carr** - May 04, 2012 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Dear Bereaved Family,*

*In sympathy and on behalf of Family and Friends from Southern  
New Jersey and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, we pray that God will  
comfort you with the fondest memories of your beloved Novella.  
Peace be...*

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**Carrie D. Hall, a granddaughter of Carrie Davis Smith** - May 04, 2012 at 12:23 PM