

*Celebrating the Life and Love
of
Odean "Sis" Poindexter*

Wednesday, May 16th, 1934

Monday, August 30th, 2004



Saturday, September 4th, 2004 at 9:30am

Saint Mark Catholic Church
3500 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

Senior Pastor Calvin A. Harper, Officiating

Obituary

Odean "Sis" Poindexter made her transition into paradise on Monday, August 30th, 2004. She was one of five children born to Roosevelt and Tinnie Pryor. Her birth certificate states that she was born on May 15th, however, her brothers say she was born on Wednesday, May 16th, 1934 in Limestone County, Athens, Alabama. They said that the midwife made a mistake. Her maternal Grandfather, Ed Black who also had a sister named "Sis", named her "Sis". She was also the only daughter of Roosevelt and Tinnie Pryor and the name stuck for the remainder of her life.

Sis loved to write things down. She entitled one of her journals "Odean's Prosperity Garden". The following is an excerpt:

"I grabbed his leg with both hands. He fell to the floor and asked, who threw me down? I replied Lou-old-S boy. Lou-old-S. This is the age of my first remembrance of growing up in Alabama. I was approx. three or four. My father would play with me and make me think I threw him down. The top of my head did not reach his kneecap. This was not the house I was born in, but the first place I can remember. I was born in a log cabin at the top of the road called Bottley Hill, near the Tennessee River that ran through Limestone County. This area was farmland. To go to Grandma's house, we used the path that went by the barn across the field past Mr. Gabe's house."

Sis confessed hope in Christ at an early age, and then united with Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Athens. Much later in life, she joined Morning Star Baptist Church in Cincinnati. Although she was not a regular churchgoer, her faith in Christ never wavered. Sis liked a good sermon. She always talked about how her Uncle Preacher could really preach. His name was Rev. Mavern Cosby. She understood that God, faith and good works were not defined by a mere building. She continued to read her Bible and study the word of God.

She often went to Oak Grove School because her brother Eddie was there, but she was never enrolled there. She said she just went to play. She started school at Pine Ridge and graduated from Trinity High School in 1952. Following the footsteps of two of her brothers, she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio in October of 1957 to find work. She lived with her older brother AD and his wife Blondell. She often returned to the South to visit and check on her daughter Joyce, who was living with her mother.

Sis and Julius Poindexter met and fell in love. They were married in 1957. Her daughter attended the wedding. They formed what is now called a "blended family". Although all the children did not live together, Sis tried her best to make them all feel at home and a part of the family. Julius and Julius Jr. preceded her in death.

Her first job was a cook at the jail house in Athens. They said she was pretty good. She also cleaned house for a while. When she moved to Cincinnati, she worked at the Children's Convalescent Home and continued her education while working at Rollman's Psychiatric Hospital. She became a State Licensed Hospital Aid II. Because of her hard work and dedication, she rose to the position of Ward Supervisor. In 1989 she received the "Employee of the Year" award. Her job nickname was "Poin". Her coworkers said of her... "She was always helpful, didn't gossip, and made you feel comfortable. Everyone got along with Poin". She retired after twenty-five years of service.

Our hearts are joyful for having had Sis in our lives. She was a loving and devoted mother, sister, friend, aunt and confidant to all who knew her. She leaves to cherish her memory a daughter, Beverly Joyce Pryor-Young (Bernard), two stepdaughters, Eva Pope and Barbara Fogman, three grandchildren, Deanna Chapman (Orlando), Derrick Pope, and Miles Fogman (Takietha), Brian Young and Matthew Young four brothers, AD Pryor (Blondell), Johnnie Lee Pryor (Nettie) of Athens, Alabama, Eddie Pryor (Mary) and Cleve Pryor of Athens, Alabama, two brothers-in law, Ralph Taylor (Beatrice) of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. Ronald Fisher of Jackson, Michigan and two sisters-in-law Mary Alice Christopher and Barbara Reed, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. We give thanks to the Creator for blessing our family with her life of love!

Order of Service

Officiating Minister.....Senior Pastor Calvin A. Harper

The Prelude.....Diane Hardy

Musical Selection... *"My Living Will Not Be In Vein"* ...Mrs. Delois Overstreet

Scripture.....Old Testament: 23rd Psalm

Scripture.....New Testament: Mark 11:23-24

Poem..... *"A Mother's Love"* - Helen Steiner Rice.....Treva Reid

Prayer.....Senior Pastor Calvin A. Harper

Acknowledgments.....Treva Reid

Remarks.....(*two minutes, please*)

Reading of Obituary.....Treva Reid

Solo..... *"Walk With Me"*Diane Hardy

Eulogy.....Minister Rickey Hardy

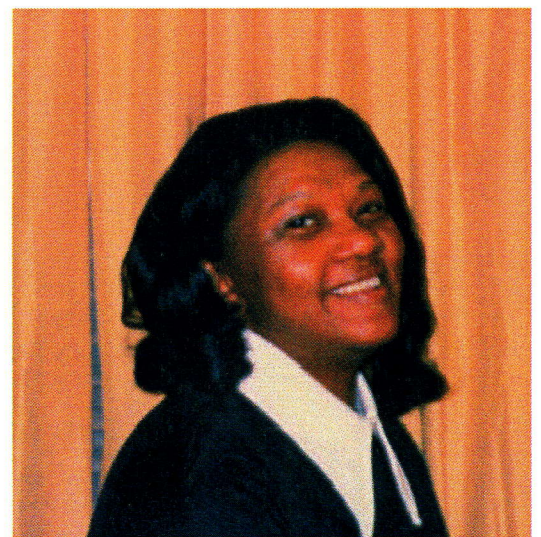
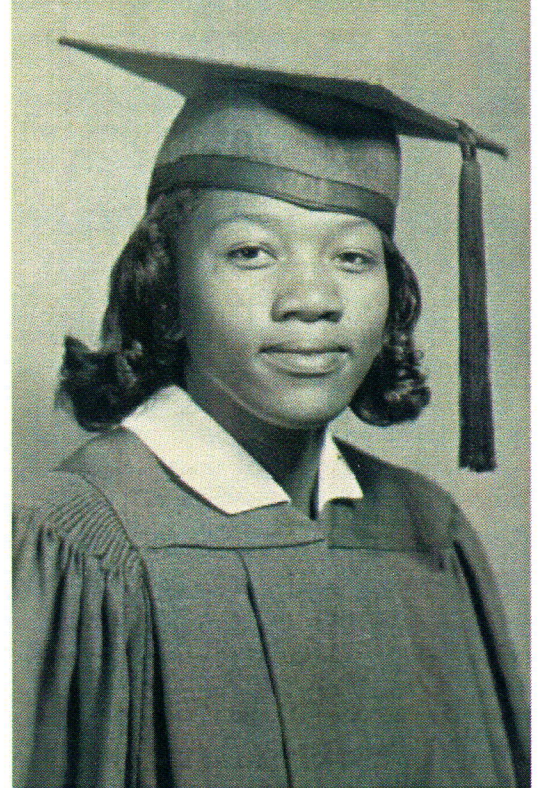
Benediction

Recessional

Interment.....Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Repast.....Immediately Following Interment.....Saint Mark Church
(in the church Undercroft)
3900 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207

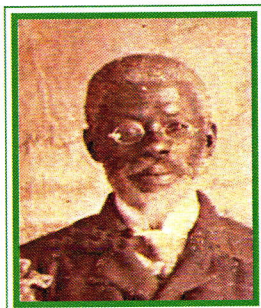
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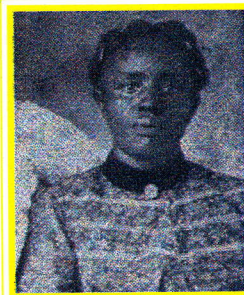
Ancestry of Odean



William "Billie" Pryor
6/1837 - (unknown)



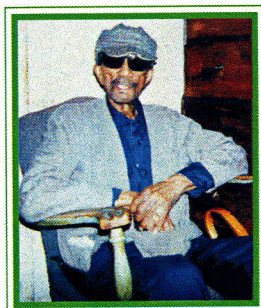
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12/1835 - (unknown)



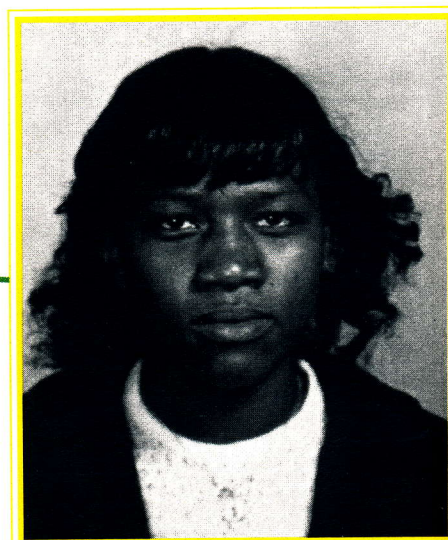
Carry Ann Pryor
3/1865 - (unknown)



Emma Horten
5/6/1891 - 1/1/1987



Roosevelt Pryor
7/5/1906 - 2/23/1998



Odean (Pryor) Poindexter
5/16/1934 - 8/30/2004

(Pryor) Poindexter

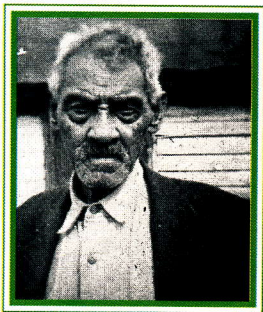


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A Special Request

It is so unfortunate (though understandable) that we, the friends and family of Odean Poindexter, only seem to physically come together at times like this. It is requested that each of us, as a final tribute to Sis, do our part to complete this family tree and in the process learn more about our own heritage. If you have information that would help complete this Ancestral Tree...anything at all...please contact Beverly Pryor-Young or another family member with that information. And remember...this is asked of you as one final tribute to Sis.

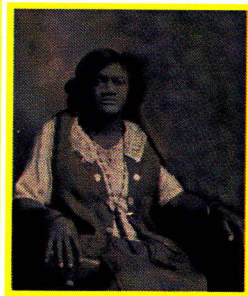
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Ed Black
4/1872 - 1948

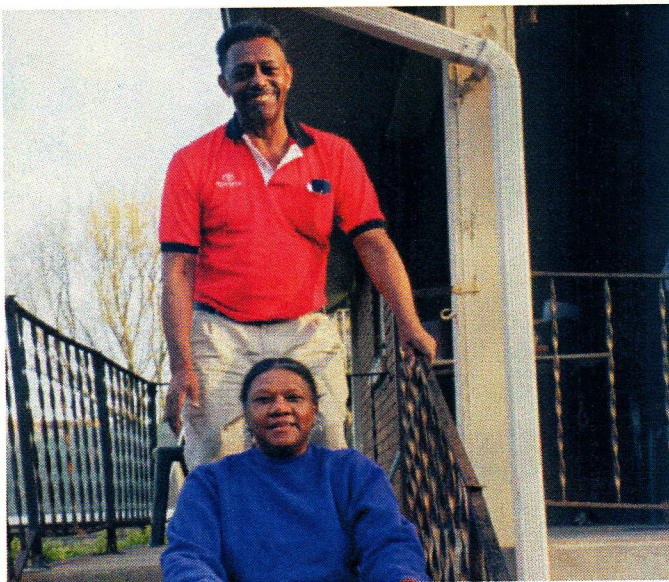


Rose Lee Malone
2/1874 - 1940



Tinnie Lee Black
1/29/1904 - 9/25/1991

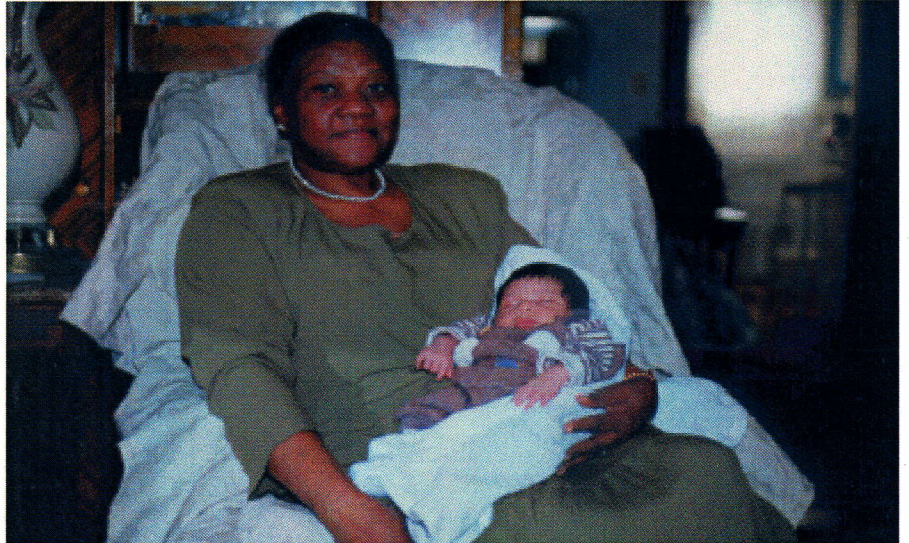
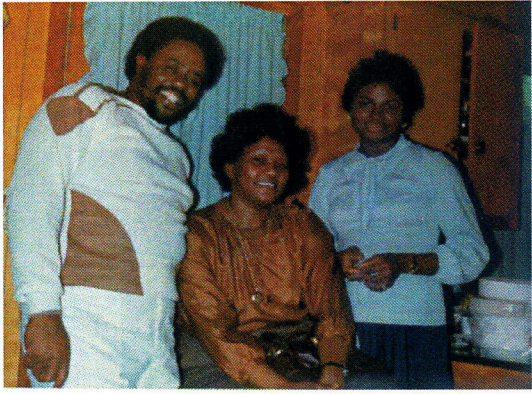
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Poems

Ancestors

If you could see your ancestors
all lined up in a row,
would you be proud of them or not?
Or don't you really know?

Some strange discoveries are made
in climbing trees.
And, some of them you know do not
particularly please.

IF you could see your ancestors
all standing in a row
there might be some of them, perhaps,
you wouldn't care to know.

But, there's another question
which requires a different view:
When you shall meet your ancestors,
will they be proud of you?

Unknown Author

A Mother's Love

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain.
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And, it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation.
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand

Helen Steiner Rice

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Honorary Pallbearers

A D Pryor
Johnnie Pryor, Sr.
George Eddie Pryor, Sr.

Cleve Pryor
Johnnie Pryor, Jr.

Active Pallbearers

Joey Fletcher
Emeka Agu
Steven Agu

Orlando Chapman
George Eddie Pryor, Jr.
Terry Pryor

Acknowledgments

The family of Odean Poindexter would like to thank each and every person in attendance for their presence during our hour of need. Your condolences, well-wishes, and especially your prayers have surely helped to soften the sting of such an untimely and unexpected loss. If, in the haste and stress of this very difficult time, we have forgotten to acknowledge or thank anyone, please pardon our oversight and accept our belated acknowledgment and our deepest and most heartfelt thank you.

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