

*Celebrating The Life of*



# *Louise Matthews*

*Sunrise*  
May 9, 1923

*Sunset*  
January 31, 2019

*Service*

*Saturday, February 9, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.*

**Believers Holiness Convention Center**  
4301 US Highway 52 • Coward, South Carolina 29530

## Obituary



**Mrs. Louise Davis Matthews** was born in Florence County on May 9, 1923 to the late Louvenia Quillens. On Thursday, January 31, 2019, Louise entered eternal rest at the McLeod Regional Medical Center. Louise married the late Texas Matthews and from their union fourteen children were born. They were married for over 30 years.

Louise attended public school in Florence County. She was later employed as a dedicated cafeteria worker for Florence School District Three at JC Lynch Elementary School until her retirement.

At an early age, Louise became a member of Savannah Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Coward, where she accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. She later joined the Olive Grove Baptist Church, where she served as a faithful Sunday School teacher, choir member, Senior Missionary, Willing Worker and Mutual Aide Society member. She was also a dedicated sister of Bright Light Chapter #188 Order of Eastern Stars District IX.

She enjoyed cooking, baking cakes and pies, singing, traveling, and attending the Senior Citizen Centers. She especially loved fishing! Louise loved family gatherings at her home, especially Christmas celebrations with all of her grands and great-grands laughing and playing all around.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Texas Matthews, Sr.; two children, Hartford "Rock" Matthews and Annie "Snoot" Leftwich; four son-in-laws, William Stokes, Larry Leftwich, Lemar Leftwich and the Reverend Curtis Cruell; one nephew: Gussie "Bobby" Matthews and one grandson: Dewayne "Devon" Matthews, both of which she reared in her home; one granddaughter: Tronja Leftwich; two sisters: Lela Mae Moore and Dorothy Mason; and four brothers: Clinton Davis, Joseph Davis, Jesse Davis, and Frank McCutcheon.

Left to cherish her memories are eight daughters: Deloris Leftwich of Raleigh, NC; Barbara Stokes of Hillside, NJ; Joyce Matthews of Paterson, NJ; Janice Cruell of Easley, SC; Myra (Jackie) McFadden of Lake City, SC; Denise Matthews of Florence, SC; Virginia Matthews and Kimberly Matthews both of Coward, SC, four sons: Texas Matthews, Jr. of Carson, CA; Glenn "Bill" (Annie) Matthews of Coward, SC; James "Bay Boy" (Magalene) Matthews of Florence, SC; and Tony (Diane) Matthews of Columbia, SC; two grandsons which she raised: Gregory (Janice) Matthews of Raleigh, NC and Ricky Matthews of Paterson, NJ; one sister: Ruth Davis of Paterson, NJ; two sisters-in-law: Rebecca Davis of Snellville, GA and Isco Davis of Norwalk, CT; two additional daughters-in-law: Annie Matthews of Coward, SC and Laura Matthews of Cades, SC; 45 grandchildren; 66 great grandchildren; 48 great great grandchildren; one great great great granddaughter; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*Order of Service*

***Presiding: Bishop Kenneth L. Gibson***

Prelude.....Musicians

Processional.....Ministers and Family

Hymn of Praise.....“No Not One” .....Choir

Invocation.....Rev. Alphonso Porter

Scriptures  
Old Testament.....Evangelist Deborah Trevol  
New Testament.....Pastor Larry W. Barnes

Tribute from Children.....Kim Matthews (Daughter)

Kind Reflections.....Cynthia Mallette  
*Lake City Seniors Center*  
Frances Henneghan  
*Olive Grove Baptist Church & Seniors*

Acknowledgements.....Calandra Matthews (Granddaughter)

Tribute from Grandchildren.....Grandchildren

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Michael K. Spears

Solo.....LaTisha Ross

Recessional.....Medley of Songs.....Choir

Final Viewing

Committal

Benediction

***Internment***

*Olive Grove Baptist Church Cemetery*

***Repast***

*Will be held at the Olive Grove Baptist Church Fellowship Hall*

*If I had one word to describe you it would be "Phenomenal"  
For many years you proved that to be so true. You loved your husband,  
raised your children/grandchildren, kept the faith and always remained strong.  
You knew that God was always there to carry you on.*

*Guess it is safe to say it will be hard to move forward, knowing you are not right here to sing  
your songs or bake your cakes or tell all your old stories about  
how many generations you watched come along.*

*Grandma you are phenomenal.  
Your heart was made of gold. Your attitude mighty and bold and always had a bright and  
beautiful soul to shine through us when the days and nights get lonely and cold.  
Your wisdom and lessons you taught over the years will remain with us forever. No one could  
ever do it better. You are more than a conqueror  
because you were God's victorious soldier.*

*Phenomenally made, yes you were. Your smile was like a shining star.  
I will miss your sweet kisses, hugs and your warm embrace especially coming in the house to  
see you sitting in the walk way.*

*It is hard to say that life will not be the same without you and sometimes the family will feel  
incomplete and blue but I know this to be true. We loved you but God loved you too.*

*It will be hard not to cry or become weary, because the family loves you oh so dearly.  
Grandma you are exactly where you belong in heaven watching over us as we try to get  
through this storm. Peacefully rest in the heavenly masters arms.  
Continue be our rock to always keep our family tight  
and a guardian angel to be there day and night.*

*God reached out his hand and you quickly grasped on knowing it was time for you to go on  
home but I know you will be here each day and every year until the time we will meet again  
and be together until the very end.*

**Love you Great Grandma Louise, Rest in Paradise  
Submitted by Briana Matthews, Great-Granddaughter**

*Floral Bearers*

Bright Light Chapter #188  
Order of Eastern Stars District IX

*Pallbearers*

Olive Grove Masonic Lodge #139

*In Appreciation*

*We, the family, wish to express our deepest appreciation for all acts of kindness  
shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your cards, flowers,  
support and prayers. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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