



*Celebrating  
the Life  
of*

*Mattie Jervey*

**Sunrise**  
**February 19, 1940**

**Sunset**  
**April 30, 2020**

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 - 10:00 am**

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# Obituary

**Mattie Naomia Jervey** was born on February 19th, 1940 to the late Wallace and Carrie Harper in Lawrenceville, Virginia. Mattie was the sixth oldest of twelve siblings.

Mattie was educated in the Lawrenceville school system. Growing up in Virginia, Mattie was small and feisty. She was fearless and always held her own. Her father nicknamed her “Teeny Weenie”. She moved to New York City in 1958 where she met her late husband, Henry Jervey.

Mattie lived life to the fullest and enjoyed spending time with family, friends and especially her church family. Mattie claimed Jesus Christ and was baptized. She joined the Antioch Baptist Church of Harlem nearly 40 years ago and devoted her life to her church. She loved traveling with her church as well as spending countless days serving the community. For many years she worked as a Home Health Aide taking care of the elderly. She later obtained her food handling license and worked at the Antioch Day Care Center for over 20 years as the cook and part of the Antioch Catering business until her retirement. Mattie wore many hats and served on various auxiliaries which included: Usher Board, Pastor Aide, Hospitality, The PTA at P.S. 129 in Manhattan, The Afterschool Program, as well as the late Pastor-Reverend Dr. Alfred Alston’s church catering business as the “Church Cook”.

She was famous for her “Sweet Candied Yams” and “Baked Chicken”.

In 2018, Mattie was installed as Church Mother and was acknowledged for all her years of devoted service. Although short in stature, Mattie was a force to be reckoned with. She meant what she said and said what she meant! Which was all in love. She was the epitome of strength and never complained. She loved her cartoons and the “Golden Girls”. She would laugh so hard that it would make you laugh as well. Her laughter was infectious.

Even though her health began to decline, she still pushed herself to do for herself. Mattie known as “Mommy” and “Grandma” was devoted to and loved all her children and grandchildren unconditionally. She has always been there for everyone who needed her, her family, her friends and those who just needed help or advice. She had a special relationship with her granddaughter Nicole. She was overjoyed when she reunited with her youngest son Randall, affectionately known as Lavon. God answered her prayers and she was complete.

Mattie is preceded in death by her mother and father, Wallace and Carrie Harper; her siblings, Ersell Harper-Brown, Pernel Bailey, Wallace Byrd Harper, Wille Doyle Harper, Joseph Louis Harper, Eugene Harper and a baby brother (Stillborn).

She is survived by her seven beloved children, Dwayne Jervey, Glenda Bride, Dana Jervey, Darrell Jervey, Randall Boler, Tamiko Nelson and Latisha Boler; two loving sons-in-law, Jason Bride and Keir Nelson; one loving daughter-in-law, Shaina Boler; her siblings, Clarena Woody, Bernetta Smith, Linda Burgess and Earl Harper; eighteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, special friends and neighbors.

Mommy, we miss you so much; but we know you are now free.

# Order of Service

Officiant: Rev. Dr. Shon Alston  
*Antioch Baptist Church, Harlem, NY*

**Opening Psalm**  
“Blessed Assurance”

**Processional**

**Hymn of Comfort**  
“It Is Well”

**Scripture Readings:**  
Old Testament - Psalm 91  
New Testament - Revelation 21:3-5

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Acknowledgement of Condolences and Resolutions**

**Obituary**

**Selection**  
“Precious Lord”

**Remarks**

**Selection**  
“I Am Free”

**Eulogy**  
Dr. Shon Alston

**Benediction**  
Dr. Shon Alston

**Recessional**

*Interment*  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# *A Silent Tear*

Author: Unknown

Just close your eyes and you will see  
All the memories that you have of me  
Just sit and relax and you will find  
I'm really still there inside your mind

Don't cry for me now I'm gone  
For I am in the land of song  
There is no pain, there is no fear  
So dry away that silent tear

Don't think of me in the dark and cold  
For here I am, no longer old  
I'm in that place that's filled with love  
Known to you all, as "up above".

## *Acknowledgement*

***The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.***

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