



In Loving Memory of
Missionary Nancy May Silvia-Matthews

Sunrise
November 12, 1948

Sunset
March 29, 2021

Service
Thursday, April 15, 2021 • 3:00 p.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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Elder Lorinda Moore, Master of Ceremonies



Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Minister Gerald Outlar

New Testament - Martha Aguilar

Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Roland Smith Jr.

Reflections

Family and friends

Selection

Jamila Outlar

Reading of the Obituary

Arlene Wells

Acknowledgement of Cards

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Roland Steve Smith

Benediction

Pastor Roland Steve Smith

Committal

Pastor Roland Steve Smith

Interment

Friday, April 16, 2021

Mount Holiness Memorial Park

Butler, New Jersey

Obituary

Missionary Nancy May Silvia-Matthews was born in New York City to the late Antonio and Irene Silvia on November 12, 1948. Missionary Nancy was the youngest of nine children. The siblings who preceded her were: 4 brothers, David Silvia, Antonio Silvia Jr., Daniel Lee Silvia, and Russell Chavis; 3 sisters, Marie Chavis, Rebecca Silvia-Waller, and Rose Mary Simon. Missionary Nancy was educated in the New York City Public Schools.

Missionary Nancy worked for the New York Telephone Co., known today as Verizon, for over 24 years before retiring. She enjoyed working at the phone company, especially with her co-workers. Missionary Nancy was a real people person. She was always there for family and friends. Whenever you needed an ear or an honest but colorful opinion, Missionary Nancy was the person. Missionary Nancy loved helping people. She loved celebrating life.

Missionary Nancy May Silvia married Richard T. Matthews on July 16, 1997. There were no children from this marriage.

Missionary Nancy joined First Emanuel Church of Jesus Christ Pentecostal Inc. in January 1997. Under the leadership of Pastor Roland Steve Smith and Evangelist Merrill, where she became a member of the Board of Trustees, she was ordained Missionary. Missionary Nancy was committed and served faithfully. Missionary Nancy was a devoted woman of God who never refused to help a worthy cause. The Lord, the welfare of her church, and welfare of her community were always on her mind. Anyone at First Emmanuelle Church can testify to her loyalty. As well, anyone whose life she touched, by her faithfulness and love, can honestly say that Missionary Nancy was so special to them. Missionary Nancy worked as the secretary for the church, using her creativity to make programs and various flyers. She also held the position of Missionary of Music sharing her vocal talents singing at the different churches that her home church would visit. Nancy would happily sing for whoever made a request.

Missionary Nancy was a true Missionary, visiting the hospitals to sing to the hospice patients, visiting the elderly in the various nursing homes and hospitals. She also loved to cook. She would make a dish at the request of whoever was having an event. During the holidays, she would cook more than enough food so that she could feed those in the community who did not have. Every year during the holidays, Missionary Nancy would solicit food from major supermarkets so that families were fed. Every year she would participate in Toys for Tots, making sure the children would have a toy or toys for Christmas. She would do the same for Easter, making sure everyone had an Easter basket.

On March 29, 2021 God called his daughter home. Missionary Nancy leaves to mourn: her husband, Richard T. Matthews, 1 Brother, Joseph Chavis, 2 daughters Cheryl M. Smith and Melanie N. Silvia, 1 son, Tremayne D. Silvia, 4 granddaughters, Oceana Smith, Kelsey Rawls, Miracle Silvia, and Trinity Silvia, 3 grandsons, Tristan Smith, Kyron Rawls, and Teon Holmes, 1 great granddaughter, Mya Angel Maine; a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Nancy had this way of making everyone feel like they were her favorite. She was known as Grandma/Mom by many.





Dedications

You are the SUNSHINE OF MY LIFE. The love you gave will never be able to be replaced. I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.

-Rich

Missionary Nancy was a true servant of God. The Joy she brought to Pastor Steve and myself, she was not only a member of First Emanuel, but a Lifetime member in our hearts, our BFF. LOVE You Always and forever.

-Pastor Steve & Evangelist Merrill

Nancy, I think you were/are Amazing! Thank you for being you and thank you for being an important part of my life Journey. Love you forever.

-Lucy

I promise grandma, won't complain

-Tristan

We love & miss everything about you Grandma.

-Mya & Oceana

You were a very special lady to me. Your love was unconditional and you always kept a smile. I love you grandma.

-Kyron

Grandma you were there for me more than I could be there for myself.

Kind, loving, strong, and valuable I love you grandma.

-Kelsey

I will miss you dearly. I wish I had visited more, every time I saw you, you'd light up the room with Joy. Rise In Power you're home now. Best godmother ever.

- Chauncey

May the life that you lived always speak for you! Thanks for not only being my mother but also my BEST FRIEND! You've raised me to be strong, love people and always trust God. You were a gift to this earth. So it's never goodbye, but I'll see you later. Love you always.

-Smellarela

Mommy I love you always and forever...

-Stinka

Mom, words can not express what I'm feeling right now. Some people you just know will always be there, I never thought you'd have to leave me. I know that we will be ok because Ms. Nancy is watching over us. And every time I hear a whistle no matter where I am I'll stop and smile knowing it's you. Love you MORE.

-Shell

I Won't Complain

Song by Rev. Paul Jones

*I've had some good days, I've had some hills to climb
I've had some weary days, And some sleepless nights
But when I, when I look around, And I think things over
All of my good days, Outweigh my bad days
I, I won't complain, Sometimes the clouds hang low
I can hardly see the road, I ask a question, Lord
Lord, why so much pain? But He knows what's best for me
Although my weary eyes, They can't see
So I'll just say thank You, Lord, I, I won't complain
The Lord has been so good to me (Has He been good?)
He's been good to me
More than this whole world or you could ever be
He's been so good to me, You know what He did?
He, He dried all of my tears away, Turned my midnights into day
So I'll just say thank you, Lord, I've been lied on
But thank You, Lord, I've been talked about
But thank You, Lord, I've been misunderstood
But thank You Lord, You might be sick
Body wracked with pain, But thank You, Lord
The bills are due, Don't know where the money coming from
But thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Lord
I want, hey, hey, hey, hey, I want to thank God, God, God
God has been so good to me
He's been good to me
More than this whole world or you could ever be
He's been so good, He's been so good, He's been so good
So good, So good, So good, So good
To me, me, me, me, me, me, me
He, He dried all of my tears away
He ever stop you from crying?
Turned my midnight into day.*



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

Acknowledgements

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the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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