

Sunrise: April 11, 1938 Sunset: May 11, 2021





Mattie Ruth was born in Saint Pauls, NC on April 11th 1938 to Willie and Lee Agnus McKinnon. She was one of twelve siblings. She was educated in the Robeson County School District. She left St. Pauls to find employment and settled into Newark, NJ. Years later she met and fell in love with Joan Lane Christmas who affectionately renamed her Mattie Cake, and their union was wonderfully blessed with 51 years of marriage.

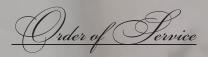
Mattie worked at the Singular Electric Company in Newark, NJ for 30 years. She was an active member for more than 38 years at Greater New Point Missionary Baptist Church in Irvington, NJ. She was an active member of the Senior Choir and Women's Auxiliary.

Mattie was an ever presence in her family's lives. She was a devoted wife and mother who loved to cater to her family and friends. She and Joan Lane would often host the summer picnics and holiday celebrations. Everyone was welcomed and nobody left without a smile and some extra goodies.

Mattie leaves to mourn and cherish her memories: 6 children, Willie Douglas (Diane) McMillan of Burlington, NJ, Martha Marie (Solomon) Jerideau of Columbia South Carolina, James (Sharon) Christmas of Irvington, NJ, Joy Christmas, and Merry Mills of Newark, NJ, Trina Christmas of Irvington NJ, sisters Bessie McKoy of St. Pauls, NC, Ollie Mae Guions of Philadelphia, PA, Barbra Jane Dumas of Fayetteville, NC, and brother George (Fanny) Mckinnon of Fayetteville, NC Sister in-law Mary Willie (Louis) Towns, Owens Mills, MD, 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents Willie and Lee Agnus McKinnon, loving husband Joan Lane Christmas (04/30/2021) her 3 sisters Helen, Lola Bell, and twin Annie Ruth, 3 brothers Sylvester, Walter, Willie (Sam Boy) and son Joan Lane Christmas Jr.

Family and friends alike are truly going to miss the loving and caring Matriarch of her family.



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Musical	Prelude

Recessional..

Processional	Total Praise, Donnie McClurkin
Opening Hymn	At the Cross, Kryaman Griffin
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. W. Rutherford III
Poem	Aaron McMillan, Jada Christmas
Scripture Readings	
New testament John 10: 1-4	
Solo	Brenda Moody, Chriss Samuels
Acknowledgements	McKoy Family
Remarks (limited to 1min)	Family and Friends
Obituary	Diane McMillan
Solo	Organist Kryamana Griffin
Eulogy	Rev. W. Rutherford II

.Going over Yonder, The Bolton Brothers

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Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey, 07083

Im Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void. Then fill it up with remembered joy. A Friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow., I wish you the sunshine of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, Good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Left up your heart and share with me, God Wanted me now. He set me free!

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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