

In Loving Memory of
Mattie Ruth Christmas

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



MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021 - 12:00 NOON

Ebenezer Baptist Church

153 William Street • Orange, New Jersey

Rev. William Rutherford III, Officiating

Obituary

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.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

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.....Rev. W. Rutherford II

Old testament Job 14:1-2

New testament John 10: 1-4

Solo.....Brenda Moody, Chriss Samuels

AcknowledgementsMcKoy Family

Remarks (limited to 1min).....Family and Friends

Obituary.....Diane McMillan

Solo.....Organist Kryamana Griffin

Eulogy.....Rev. W. Rutherford II

Recessional.....Going over Yonder, The Bolton Brothers

Entombment
Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey, 07083

I'm 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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