

Celebrating The Life of

Mary Matthews

October 13, 1939 - January 19, 2022



Service Information

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
Viewing: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Service: 11:00 AM

GREATER CENTENNIAL AME ZION CHURCH

114 W West 4th Street • Mount Vernon, NY
Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue, Officiating

Private Disposition

Pallbearers

Marcus Lee (Grandson)
Stephon Hill (Great Grandson)
Vincent Tyer (Grandson)
John Seal (Nephew)
Mark Matthews, Jr. (Grandson)
Nacem Gray (Nephew)

The As Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Music Ministry

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue

Solo

Sis. Nicole Phifer

Scripture Reading

Trudy Hollis

Reflections

Family & Friends

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Pogue

Final Instructions

Eternity Funeral Services Directors

Recessional

Obituary

Mary Matthews was like the light at the end of the tunnel and that's because she always put a smile on the faces of the people she met. Born to the late Etoy and Roland Sumpter on January 18th, 1939, in Batesburgh SC.

Her grandson Marcus said she always tried to be comical telling some of the most horrible jokes. Mary loves telling stories about her many years at Jacobi if you came to her with a situation, she had a story for it from the hospital. Mary worked for Jacobi medical center where she excelled rapidly. Mary dedicated 34 years to the hospital because she loved what she did.

Mary loved her music and loved to color and do word puzzle books. Family meant everything to her. Mary loved attending family gatherings and going on frequent vacations!! Her last being a trip to the Poconos for Christmas. Mary loved her greater centennial church family she would pick on everyone with love. Mary had a very comical and close connection with her pastor who she loved dearly. It began by feeding a peanut butter addiction. Mary knew the lord and could often be found signing off key along with the choir from her seat. Mary also served as the Vice President of the nursing board with her grandson Marcus right by her side.

With her son Mark and granddaughter-in-law Shanyle Howell-Lee at home by her side, Mary changed position and in flight said goodbye to this Covid world and traded in her mask for the master's hand.

Preceded in death by both parents Etoy and Roland Sumpter. Two brothers JC sumpter and George Bates her only daughter Toni Lee. Her late husband Thomas Matthews Sr. and longtime companion Charlie Lumpkin.

She will be truly missed and always loved by everyone she encountered, especially her family. She leaves honor the legacy of her untimely passing. Two sons Mark Matthews of the Bronx and Thomas Matthews of St. Albans Queens. Six grands, Marcus Lee (Shanyle Howell-Lee) of the Bronx, Mark Matthews (Laura Morales) of Harlem NY, Vincent Tyer (Lydia Tyer) of Marlboro NY, David Jones of Yonkers NY, Tomas Matthews, and Devin Matthews of Middletown NY. 7 great grands Stephon Hill of Yonkers NY, Tyler Delgado of Hutto TX, O'Bryan Dyer of the Bronx, Althina Matthews of Harlem NY, Anasia Matthews of Topeka KS, Vincent Tyer Jr. and Destini Tyer of Marlboro NY. Two sisters Mary Gray of Bronx NY and Vivan Bates of Yonkers NY. Mary is loved by a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Precious Memories









Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mary Matthews** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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