

Pallbearers
Nephews and Cousins

Flower Attendants
Northwestern Class of 1961

Only God Knows Why

*A banquet of beautiful memories sprinkled with millions
of tears*

*We wish God would have spared you at least a few more
years.*

*You are not far away, since God is everywhere.
We feel your presence near in every thought and prayer.*

*You were full of life, you wanted to live,
And yet you had to suddenly answer God's call.*

*You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.*

Acknowledgements

*We praise God for the blessing of friends who have
expressed their love for Sister Ruth and the family in so
many ways. Your caring spirits have been comforting,
and we thank God for each one of you.*

*The Family of
Ms. Ruth M. Baker-Mathis*

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FUNERAL SERVICES, INC.

A Celebration of Life

for

Sis. Ruth M. Baker-Mathis

Saturday, April 7, 2018

10:00am

*Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
1620 Helena Street
Jacksonville, FL 32208
Dr. R.E. Herring, Sr., Pastor/Officiant*

*INTERMENT
Restlawn Cemetery
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32208*



Genesis

Exodus

August 14, 1942 April 2, 2018





Reflections of Life



Ruth M. Baker-Mathis was born on August 14, 1942, in Jacksonville, FL to Dorothy Baker and Phillip Adams. She was surrounded by loving family as she grew up in the Moncrief Creek neighborhood and attended the local public schools, graduating from Northwestern High, Class of 1961. Lovingly called "Rutha Mae," she was a communicant of Mt. Bethel, the family church, which was located across the road from their home. As a young child, she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized under the pastorate of Rev. B.W. Williams.

Ruth enlisted in the Army where she served for many years, earning the rank of Major, and retiring from the Reserves in 1995. Living in the New York area, she continued her education graduating as an LPN, and later as a Registered Nurse. She served as Director of Nursing for many years at the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility in Uniondale, NY.

Ruth was united with Antioch Baptist Church of Hempstead for decades, where she served with the Missionary Ministry. However, anytime Ruth came to visit her family in Jacksonville, she made sure to attend her beloved Mt. Bethel. She was also an avid student of the Bible. Other affiliations include the Red Hat Club and the National Council of Negro Women. She loved traveling, volunteering, gardening, cooking memorable meals and baking delicious desserts. Her family relished her macaroni and cheese, and her braised oxtails. She became a foodie. Ruth's greatest joy was her five children, seven grandchildren and twin great grands, whom she loved with a passion.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ms. Dorothy Baker; her grandparents, Dea. James Baker and Mrs. Ethel Baker; and son-in-law, Eugene Grant.

Left to cherish the legacy of this great, strong, exceptional woman of God are her loving children, Yolanda Mathis Grant, Hope Mathis, Dudley Mathis, Marion Mathis (Paula), Taraus Mathis (Shermauda); grandchildren, Champagne Hickey, Izaya Mathis, Joshua Grant, Jacob Mathis, Zachary Mathis, Jaslyn Mathis and Viktoria Mathis; great grands, Madison and Morgan Hyatt; father, Mr. Phillip Adams; siblings, Pearlmae Nathan (Willie), Alonzo Hall (Annie Bell), and Cleveland Adams, Sr; a host of other nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, church family and friends.

Order of Worship

Rev. Charles Conner, Presiding
Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

Processional and Viewing..... Choir
"Soon and Very Soon"

The Invocation Rev. Anthony L. Willis, Sr.
Pastor, Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

The Scriptures Minister Willie Turntime
Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

Ministry in Music Sis. Stephanie Nathan
New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Resolutions..... Church Clerk

Acknowledgement of Condolences..... Sis. Beatrice Conner
Greater Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

Reflections..... Sis. Linda Senior
Northwestern c/o 1961

Ministry in Music Choir

Words of Comfort..... Pastor R. E. Herring, Sr.

Recessional