

Mattie R. Mercer

Sunrise December 27, 1936 Sunset August 27, 2011

### Reflections of Life

Today, God called us together to witness the Home Going of one of His children, **Mattie Ruth Mercer**, who also was lovingly known as "Aunt Matt" and "Nana."

Mattie Ruth was born on December 27, 1936 to the late Vinson and Rose Anna Barnes in Wilson County, NC.

In the early morning of Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Presbyterian Hospital in NYC, God in his infinite wisdom called his servant home to rest.

Mattie received her education in the Wilson County Public School Systems.

In 1955, she married the late James Croom, Jr. and from this union a son, James Earl Croom (Tuttie) was born.

In 1958, Matt and her young son James Earl (Tuttie) relocated to New York City. There, in May of 1958, she married the late Marvin Mercer II, and from that union a second son, Marvin Mercer III was born.

Mattie was faithful and accepted Christ as her Savior and attended Convent Avenue Baptist Church in NYC.

Mattie Ruth retired in 1999 from the Community Affairs Corp as a Home Attendant.

She also was a devoted Foster Mother for the Angel Guardian Home where she was given some of the toughest cases which she handled diligently with much love and care until her health began to fail.

Mattie Ruth was known to have a feisty spirit, outgoing personality, a person you could always count on. She would make you laugh with various jokes, old sayings and pranks. She was known as the tough one in the family and would say she could out box her brothers any given day.

However, she was a no nonsense person when it came to her family. She was a devoted friend, counselor, as well as a surrogate mother and grandmother to many children.

Mattie was preceded in death by her brother, Leroy Barnes.

Her memory is engraved in the hearts of: her children, James Earl Croom (Tuttie) and Marvin Mercer III; one daughter-in-law, Tanya Mercer of NYC; two sisters, Earlene Brown of Virginia Beach, VA and Carolyn Mazyck of Baltimore, MD; three brothers, Joseph Barnes of Norfolk, VA, Benjamin Barnes (Carrie) of Virginia Beach, VA and Luther Barnes (Sarah) of Bronx, NY; a sister-in-law, Margaret Barnes of Los Ahgeles, CA; five grandchildren, Samantha, Justin, Kendra, Brianna and Christine; a great niece, Taylor, who was like a granddaughter; a special niece, Regina Rich of White Plains, NY; a special nephew, Renard Barnes of West Orange, NJ; and a host of other loving nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and a special friend, Ronnie.

### Order of Service

#### **VISITATION**

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 - 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

NEWKIRK FUNERAL HOME, INC.

#### Remarks

Reverend Dahlia Walks-Moore Family & Friends

#### VISITATION

Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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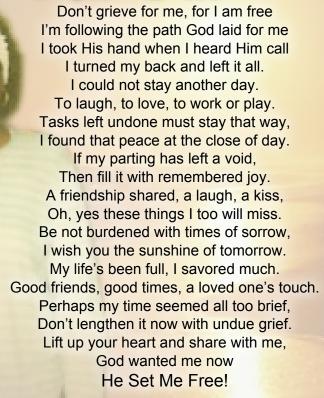
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#### GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 12:00 Noon Reverend Victor Vaines, Officiating

Wilson Chapel Church Cemetery Wilson County, North Carolina





### Acknowledgement

The family of Mattie Ruth Mercer wishes to thank each and everyone for their many acts of kindness shown at this time of sorrow. May God forever bless and keep you all.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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