

Home Going Service for



Mattie Pearl Alexander

Sunrise

April 22, 1915

Sunset

June 5, 2015

Service

Friday, June 12, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church

149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Reflections of Life

Mattie Pearl Alexander was born on April 22, 1915, to Joseph and Allene (Sykes) Lewis the seventh child of twelve children in Creswell, North Carolina. She entered peacefully into eternal rest on Friday, June 5, 2015 at The Cliffs at Eagle Rock Assisted Living Facility in West Orange, New Jersey.

Mattie (known to her nieces and nephews as “Bay Pearl”) was educated in the Creswell Public School system. Mattie received her first spiritual education at Saint John Baptist Church in Creswell, NC. After moving to Newark, NJ, she joined Gethsemane Baptist Church in 1959. In 1991, she moved her membership to the University Bible Center Church and in 2004 she joined the Metropolitan Baptist Church to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Roy Pettiford.

Mattie did domestic work after moving to Newark. She was later employed by General Instruments and ASCO as an assembler. She retired from ASCO in 1980.

Mattie was preceded in death by here parents, Joseph and Allene Lewis, her daughter, Shirley Jean Pettiford; her grandson, Vance Pettiford, and eleven brothers and sisters.

Mattie leaves to cherish her memory: her son-in-law, Roy Pettiford; grandson, Doren Pettiford; grand daughters-in-law, Sharon and Redell; four great-grandchildren, Doriane, Christopher, Danielle and Jason; two great-great-grandsons, Jayden Vance and Joshua Michael; God-daughter, Marie Jackson; special niece, Reba “Doris” Jefferson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 91:9-16

New Testament – II Timothy 4:1-8

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life

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Words of Comfort

Eulogy

Recessional

“With long life, I will satisfy you, and show you my salvation.”

(Psalm 91:16)

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

*Please join the family for a repast
Here at the church after the interment.*

If Tears Could Build A Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway
And memories were a lane
We would walk right up to heaven
And bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it means to lose you
No one will ever know
But now we know you want us
To mourn for you no more
To remember all the happy times
Life still has much in store
Since you'll never be forgotten
We pledge to you today
A cherished place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay!*

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Mattie Pearl Alexander** would like to express their most sincere gratitude to the friends, co-workers and acquaintances for the many acts of kindness, expressions of love and sympathy shown to them during their hours of bereavement. Special Thanks, to the staff of The Cliffs at Eagle Rock Assisted Living Facility.*

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