

Home Going Service for
Deaconess Mattie Mae (Stanley) Smith



Sunrise
May 8, 1944



Sunset
September 26, 2015

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

221 Myrtle Avenue, Passaic New Jersey

Rev. Kortney Haigler, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Officiating

(Pastor, St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ)

Rev. Myrtle Johnson, Sermonist

Legacy, Heritage, Character, Qualities, & Memoirs

A Woman of Great Excellence (Virtuous Woman)

Mattie Mae (Stanley) Smith was devoted to GOD, her husband (the late Deacon Willie Smith), her family, her church and community.

Mattie Mae Smith departed her earthly home and entered into eternal rest on September 26, 2015 with her children and grandchildren by her side. **Mattie** was a woman who loved all and wanted the best for everyone. Through her faith in GOD, strength, and courage; **Mattie** continued to teach life lessons till the end.

Mattie was born in Arabi (Crisp County), Georgia on May 8, 1944. She was the third and youngest child of the late J.R. Stanley and Mary Lee (Munk) Stanley. Later the family relocated to the city of Ashburn, Georgia. In 1962, **Mattie** graduated from Eureka High School. Afterwards, she attended Albany State College. Prior to relocating to New Jersey in 1965, **Mattie** briefly lived with her sister Rosa Lee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mattie met and married Willie Smith. Their union was blessed with four children: Sonda Denise, Sandra Jean, Willie Jamol and Rosalynd Ann. **Mattie** was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. A woman of Great Excellence that loved her family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and anyone she came in contact with.

Mattie Mae Smith, A Woman of Great Excellence never wavered in her devotion to GOD. **Mattie** confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior and King at the young age of ten and was baptized at Davisfield Baptist Church in Georgia. After relocating to New Jersey, **Mattie** continued her devotion to GOD as a member of First Timothy Baptist Church Passaic, NJ. After a fire destroyed First Timothy, **Mattie** joined Roger Williams Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Choir Member and later Deaconess, for over twenty-five years, after her husband, Willie was ordained. She became an active member in the Missionary Ministry at Solid Rock Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ. **Mattie** held many positions, which included President. **Mattie** briefly attended Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Passaic, New Jersey. **Mattie** was also a member of the Passaic Chapter of the NAACP.

A Woman of Great Excellence-Mommy/Granny you made our lives complete with all of your love and devotion. Our success has been obtained through your daily sacrifices. You knew the importance of a good education, and made sure that we, your children and grandchildren all understood the importance of obtaining academic success. **Mattie** dearly loved her siblings and enjoyed talking to them daily.

Mattie held many jobs; however, she felt that she could do more; so, she enrolled into Fairleigh Dickerson College and obtained a Certificate in Bookkeeping. **Mattie** later worked at A&P Food Chain as their bookkeeper for several years. Later, **Mattie** was employed at New Jersey Bell, now known as Verizon from which she retired after twenty-five years of faithful service. Never one to sit

idle, **Mattie** returned to college and earned an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Ashworth University. Always wanting to give back and serve as a role model to others, **Mattie** became a Substitute Teacher at Paterson Public Schools as well as a Home Instructor for Essex Regional Educational Services Commission. **Mattie** loved working with young people and helping the elderly.

Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another. (Romans 12:10). Anything **Mattie** could do to make things easier for someone else, **Mattie** did willingly without any hesitation, and always with a smile on her face.

Never one to complain or question GOD, **Mattie** was a hero to her family and others as she battled Cancer. **Mattie** did so with unfathomable dignity. **Mattie** was called home to claim her position in God's Heavenly kingdom on September 26, 2015.

Mattie Mae (Stanley) Smith A Woman of Great Excellence. **Mattie** is survived by her devoted children: son, Willie Smith, Bloomfield, NJ (Yolanda); daughters, Sonda Smith-Johnson (James), Bloomfield, NJ, Sandra Smith, Passaic, NJ and Rosalynd Smith, Passaic, NJ; grandchildren, Qhadir, Yusuf, Jeremiah, Yaminah, Isaiah, and Eli all of Bloomfield, NJ; one godson, Antione Smith, Paterson, NJ; two stepsons, Troy Dye and Eddie Dye of Passaic, NJ; two step daughters, Thomasina (Keith) Holly, Sicklerville, NJ and Marion "Joyce" Dye, Passaic, NJ; her siblings, brother, Eugene Stanley, Sr. (Sue), Cope, SC and sister, Rosa Lee Shipp (Otis), Philadelphia, PA; sisters/friends, Argo Gaiter, Aberdeen, MD, Rev. Myrtle Johnson, Passaic, NJ and Mattie Parker, Chicago, IL; brother-in-law, Eddie Johnson, Passaic, NJ; sisters-in-law, Sally Stanley, Jacksonville, FL, Evangelist Ruthie Lee Corbin, Kimono, IN, Lorraine Fuller, Columbia, SC, and Eloise Johnson, Passaic, NJ; aunts, Ruth Coney, Passaic, NJ, Helen Berry (Furman), Passaic, NJ, Emma Branch, Passaic, NJ, Burdelle Mullens (Calvin), Pontiac, MI, Johnnie Mae Munk, Clifton, NJ and Clementine Munk, Eureka High School Class of 1962, Ruby W. (Whitefield) Handy, Columbus, GA, Fred Allen, Ashburn, GA, Reverend Nathan Bartell, Ashburn, GA, Janice Wallace, Flemington, NJ, Mary Dean Taylor, Ashburn, GA, Willie Butler, Ashburn, GA, Robert Lewis, Ashburn, GA, Arthur Cross, Chula, GA, Bernice Alpin-Lee, Melbourne, FL, Tommy Bakeman, Ashburn, GA, James Davis, Ashburn, GA, Otis Hall, Atlanta, GA, Robert Taylor, Albany, GA, Gladys Jackson, FL, Henry "Ted" Duncan, Columbus, GA and Mary Teague, NJ, Willie Mae Smith, FL; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents, father-in-law, Ed W. Winston, mother-in-law, Betty Smith Johnson, godmother, Eldotha Holmes, brother-in-law, Wade Smith; sisters-in-law, Bessie Brown and Sylvia (Dye) Smith and several other family members and friends.

Footprints in the Sand by Mary Stevenson, 1936

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord, "You promised

me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

Order Service

Worship Leader Rev. Dr. Kenneth D.R. Clayton
Hymn of Comfort "Nearer The Cross (Led by Min. Craig Johnson)
Selection Matthew "Sonny" Johnson
Written Word.....Min. Mary Gilliard
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - St. John 14
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Arlie Shropshire
Selection Isaiah M. Johnson
Solo Tiffany McCutchen
Words of Condolences/Acknowledgements.....Rev. Dr. Arlie Shropshire
Brenda Berry-McKenzie
The Legacy - A Woman of Great Excellence (Please read silently)
Musical Selection Tiffany McCutchen
Spoken Word.....Rev. Myrtle Johnson
Recessional

*A repast will be held in the
Union Baptist Church*

Interment
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

*Fellowship Hall of
following the interment.*

Godly Woman - Poem By Andile Andy

A woman who walks in God's love.
Reflecting the beauty of the father above.
Who is not defeated by things most men find taught.
A woman whose not just a pretty face But a woman
of God's grace Beholding God's face A woman who
lives knowing she's headed heaven in God's place. A
woman of good character, not better competence. A
woman who symbolizes the goodness of God by her
excellence. A woman who pray for her house, and
other residence. She walks with the Lord shouting,
pleading 'show me the way oh God'. I'm talking
about a woman whose 'BAD'.
Baptized and delivered. I'm talking about a woman
whose 'MAD' Magnificent and devoted. I'm talking

about the forever loved lovable leading ladies.
Who help us see the best in our daddies. A woman
whose blessed. And knows that can never be re-
versed. A woman who does not Drink, But raises
the bar. A woman who prays to properly Think,
before making decisions that will put her away
from God afar. A woman of noble character like
Ruth. Who teaches her family that only God is the
truth. A woman who would ask God to tell satanic
thoughts to get off her. A woman who would never
sacrifice faith by what the world has to offer. A
woman who conquered like how Ester conquered
Haman. A woman who makes the best out of a
man. I am talking about a Godly woman name just
happens to be **Mattie Mae (Stanley) Smith.**







The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

We the family of the late **Deaconess Mattie Mae (Stanley) Smith**, wish to express our heartfelt thanks for all acts of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. Through the help and comfort of God and friends like you, our sorrows have been much easier to bear. We pray that God will continue to bless you as He has blessed us by allowing us to be surrounded with so much love. - The Family

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