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Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late Gussie Arinzie Matthews Jackson, express our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each of you during the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to Community Hospice of Ozark, Alabama and Dr. Luna Sy and her staff.



Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Newman Mortuary



114 Harper Dr ~ Ozark, AL
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Gussie Arinzie Matthews Jackson



SUNRISE

February 9, 1921

SUNSET

December 20, 2021

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

11:00 AM

Newman Mortuary

114 Harper Drive • Ozark, Alabama 36360

Retired Presiding Elder David E. Reddick, Presiding
Dothan/Eufaula District A.M.E.

Obituary

Gussie Arinzie Matthews Jackson was born February 9, 1921 to the late Reverend George Barry Matthews and the late Ophelia Spencer Matthews. She was the youngest of eleven children. She was preceded in death by her older siblings, namely: Lela Ophelia Matthews Flowers, Bessie Matthews Ford, Reverend Willie Douglas Matthews, Gideon Rob Matthews, Malachi Matthews, Jewel Edmonia Matthews Crittendon, Missouri Matthews Ingram, George Edison Matthews, Malcolm Matthews and Hosea Barry Matthews.

Sister Jackson received her early education in the Dale County Public School System. She was active in church since her youth and joined Little Zion A.M.E. Zion Methodist Church, where her father was the pastor.

On January 1, 1939, she was united in holy matrimony to Deacon Henry J. Jackson. She joined Union Grove Baptist Church, where her husband was a member. To that marriage was born 7 children, namely: Arinzie Jackson Steele, Louise Jackson, Leray Jackson, Henry (Gloria) Jackson Jr., Herman (Alice) Jackson, Attorney Judge Malcolm Jackson III and Janice Jackson. Sister Jackson's husband and their daughter, Louise, preceded her in death. Additionally, her son-in-law, James Steele and her daughter-in-law, Barbara Howard Jackson, preceded her in death. Sister Jackson was blessed with seven grandchildren: Gwendolyn Steele (Gregory) Willis, Atlanta, GA; Gregory (Pat) Jackson, Madison, AL; Dexter (Sonya) Jackson, Decatur, AL; Michelle Jackson, Decatur, AL; Attorney Traci Jackson, Houston, TX; Shanda (Billy Ray) Crittendon, Montgomery, AL; and Dr. Kevin Jackson M.D., Durham, NC; eight great-grandchildren: Christopher Hill, Noelle Hill, Nicole Hill, Chandler Jackson, Avery Jackson, Kennedy Jackson, Makiya Crittendon and Brycen Crittendon; and four great-great grandchildren: Harlow, Holland, Johann and Hendrix.

Sister Jackson also leaves to cherish her memory several devoted nieces, Bessie Flowers (Willie) Faniel, Nancy Matthews McFarlin and Myrtis Ingram; two devoted nephews, McArthur Crittendon and Samuel J. Roberts; a host of great, great-great, great-great-great nieces and nephews and two Godchildren, Altha R. Newman and Alton (Barbara) Newman.

Sister Jackson served in numerous capacities at Union Grove Baptist Church. She served as a deacon's wife, on the pastor's aide board, Mission Ministry, Circle Number One and many other committees, such as for the Church Anniversary, the Pastor's Anniversary and Women Day.

We believe that a little over 100 years ago, God looked down from Heaven and saw a Preacher, blessed with a loving wife and ten children. He looked down on a community in Dale County Alabama and we believe He said: "This family is not quite complete. Even though there are ten children in the family, I will give them another girl:. We believe God said, "I will mold her, shape her, and cause her to follow the teaching of His son Jesus. She will grow into a Christian woman. She will be loving, kind, dependable, trustworthy, a Christian wife and a Christian mother."

We believe God said: "Her mother will teach her to cook, to sew, to be a loving wife and mother. I will give her a Christian husband for 71 years. Together, they will be the parents of seven children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Oh, she will be a kind, caring mother. She will not let anyone or anything come before her family, other than God. She will lead them to Jesus. She and her husband will take them to church, teach them strong Christian values and care for their every need. When they grow up, they won't forget and will lead their children and teach them the same way.

Now this daughter of mind will not work outside the home and when her husband had an accident, for 21 years she will be beside him, nursing him, cooking and caring for his every need. She will remember "Honor your father and your mother" and she will instill that in her children.

We believe God said, "I will make a woman who will be true to me and will name her Gussie". To paraphrase Proverbs, chapter 31, verses 10-31 ... It is hard to find an excellent wife. She is worth more than rubies. Her

husband trusts her. She cared for him as long as her husband lived. She likes to work with her hands, cooking, cleaning, and washing. She would get up while it was still dark to prepare food for her family and get her children ready for school. She and her husband made decisions for the children, they set goals and guided them into becoming good Christians. She made sure what she did was for the good of family. Many times, she worked late into the night. She helped the needy. She made clothes for her family. Her children love her.

CHARM CAN FOOL YOU AND BEAUTY CAN TRICK YOU,
BUT A WOMAN WHO RESPECTS THE LORD SHOULD BE PRAISED.

MAMA'S FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

- Romans 14:8

Order of Service

Processional.....	Soft Music.....	Bethel Terry Great Niece
Scriptures		
Old Testament.....	Psalms 90.....	Reverend Noah Reeves Pastor, Union Grove Baptist Church, Ozark, AL
New Testament.....	1 Corinthians 15:50-58.....	Reverend Robert Matthews Pastor, Joy Tabernacle Gospel Church, Mobile, AL
Prayer of Comfort.....		Apostle Harold J. Daniels Ruach Ministries, Montgomery, AL
Hymn.....	"He's Sweet I Know".....	Bethel Terry, Carol Matthews, Robert Matthews
Hymn.....	"Father I Stretch My Hands to Thee".....	Barbara Belford & Charlette Pennington
As a Grandmother.....		Reverend Dexter Jackson Decatur, AL
Solo.....	"I'm Free".....	Bethel Terry
Acknowledgments.....		Shanda Crittendon
Eulogy.....		Reverend Fred Flowers Pastor, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Ozark, AL
Recessional.....	"Hold to His Hand".....	Bethel Terry

INTERMENT
Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Ozark, Alabama