

*My Journey's Just Begun*

Don't think of me as gone away  
 My journey's just begun  
 Life holds so many facets  
 This earth is but one  
 Just think of me as resting  
 From the sorrows and the tears  
 In a place of warmth and comfort  
 Where there are no days and years  
 Think of how I must be wishing  
 That you could know today  
 How nothing but your sadness  
 Can really go away  
 And think of me as living  
 In the hearts of those I touched  
 For nothing loved is ever lost  
 And I know I was loved so much

*Acknowledgements*

*Pallbearers*

Saint Paul Baptist Church

*Flower Bearers*

Saint Paul Baptist Church

*Family Appreciation*

The family of the Late Mattie Owens Ward wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the passing of their loved one. Your prayers, visits, telephone calls and all other expressions of sympathy, May God blessed each one of you in a special way.



**Professional Services Entrusted to:**

**Larry Smith-Cooper Funeral Home**  
 304 Church Street, Mullins, SC 29574  
 Telephone Day or Night: 843-464-8541  
**Robert B. Cooper, Jr., Licensed Embalmer & Funeral Director**  
**Maggie E. Cooper, Licensed Embalmer & Funeral Director**  
**Rev. R.B. Cooper, Sr., Licensed Funeral Director - Notary Republic**

*A Celebration of Life for*  
**Mattie Owens Ward**

July 29, 1923 – April 15, 2022



Saint Paul Baptist Church Inc.  
 Mullins, South Carolina

Friday, April 22, 2022  
 1:00 PM

*Pastor Mack T. Hines, Officiating*

*~ Life Reflections ~*

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**Mattie Owens Ward** was born in the Nazarene Community of Mullins, South Carolina on July 29, 1923, to the late Thelma Gerald Owens and Willie Henry "Hun" Owens.

**Mattie** graduated from Mullins Colored High School in 1941. In May 1945, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina. In July 1964, she graduated from The Agricultural and Technical College of North Carolina in Greensboro with a Master of Science degree in Education. Mattie dedicated her life to the art of teaching mathematics in the public schools of Dillon, Horry and Marion Counties and privately tutored kindred and acquaintances. She will be sorely missed by family, friends, and students, especially for her inspiring vision of the importance of education and service.

**Mattie** was a faithful member of Saint Paul Baptist Church in Mullins, SC, member of the Trustee Board, member of Sunday School Class #2, and co-founder of the church's Sunday morning breakfast tradition, where she delighted in fellowshiping and preparing the morning meal. After teaching for forty-seven years, she enjoyed the camaraderie of the Mullins Retired Teachers' Group. She spent many hours visiting the sick and shut-in and helping members of her community.

**Mattie** especially enjoyed reading, Sudoku, puzzles, gardening and traveling domestically and abroad with friends. She had a nurturing spirit and was forward-thinking. Mattie encouraged others to pursue financial independence and entrepreneurship. People of all ages found pleasure in talking with her as she gladly shared her wisdom and advice.

**Mattie Owens Ward** was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Douglas William Ward and her sister, Isabelle Owens Bryant. She leaves to cherish her memory: a daughter, Lynda (Harold) Cain of Atlanta, GA, a bonus daughter, Atha "Tea" (James) McClellan of Fork, SC, eight grandchildren: James (Tasha) Cain, Douglas (Brittney) Cain, Kelley Cain, Angel McClellan, Jamie McClellan, and Ensley (Michael) Lee, Arte Graves, Jeremy (Shiranda) graves, five great-grandchildren: Kai Cain, Devin Cain, Christian Lee, Chrissy Lee and Shaniya Graves, sister-in-law Hazel (Victor) Thomton of Gary, IN and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, neighbors, and friends.

*~ Forever In Our Hearts ~*



*~ Order of Service ~*

- Musical Prelude
- The Processional.....
- Ministers, Flower Bearers, Casket Bearers and Bereaved Family
- Hymn..... *"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*.....Choir
- Scripture:
- Old Testament Lic (Psalm 90: 1-10) Reverend Benjamin Bryant
- New Testament Lic (John 14: 1-6)..Pastor Benita Bryant Wright
- Selection.... *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*.....Choir
- Remarks:
- Church.....B.J. Hemingway
- Family.....Lynda Ward Cain
- Acknowledgements.....Linda Owens Neal
- Solo..... *Amazing Grace*.....Lola Doughty
- Words of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. Mack T. Hines
- Committal..... Rev. Dr. Mack T. Hines
- Benediction
- Recessional

*~ Interment ~*

Devotion Gardens  
 2931 East Highway 76  
 Mullins, Marion County  
 South Carolina

