

*To Those I Love
And Those Who Love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go;
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you love; you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it is time I travel alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.

Tho you can't see or touch me, I'll be near;
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear;
All my love around you real and clear.
And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say . . .
Welcome Home!!



God's Eternal Plan

God gives us each the gift of life
To cherish from our birth,
He gives us friends and those we love
To share our days on Earth.
He watches us with loving care
And takes us by the hand,
He blesses us with countless joys
And guides the lives we've planned.
Then when our work on earth is done
He calls us to His side
To live with Him in happiness
Where peace and love abide.

Expression of Appreciation

We sincerely acknowledge with deep appreciation and humble gratitude all of the kindnesses shown as expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved one. Your prayers, phone calls, visitation, kind word and other expressions will always be remembered.

— The Family



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*Homegoing Service of Love
Celebrating the Life
of
Mrs. Mattie Alice Bivens Houseal*



~ Graveside Services ~
Sunday, July 5, 2020
1:00 P.M.

Saint Paul A.M.E. Church
Pomaria, South Carolina

Reverend Kenneth Charles, Pastor

Obituary

Mrs. Mattie Alice Bivens Houseal, 92, widow of Malverse Houseal, Sr., entered into eternal rest on Sunday, June 28, 2020, at White Oak Manor in Newberry, SC. She was born on July 17, 1927, in Forest City, NC, to the late Mr. Jessie Bivens and the late Mrs. Emma Williams Bivens Heller. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She was a member of Saint Paul A.M.E Church in Pomaria, SC, and a former member of the senior choir and the pulpit aid.

Mrs. Mattie was predeceased by one daughter, Brenda Kay Houseal.

Those who celebrate her life and cherish precious and loving memories include two sons, Richard E. Houseal, Sr., (Cynthia) of Wilmington, DE, and Malverse Houseal, Jr., of Little Mountain, SC; seven daughters, Barbara H. Williams of Pomaria, SC, Emma Sue Houseal of Hayward, CA, Patricia Williams (Steve) of Little Mountain, SC, Dorothy M. Holmes (Terrell) of Las Vegas, NV, Janice H. Paolucci (James) of Oakland, CA, Harriett A. Flemon (Melvin) of Chapin, SC, and Tonya Brooks (Earl) of Little Mountain, SC; nineteen grandchildren, including four reared in the home, Lyrongala Houseal, Marcus Harmon, Senekeya Britton and Hykeim Brooks; forty-five great-grandchildren; fifteen great-great-grandchildren; one aunt, Mrs. Willie Mae Houseal of Little Mountain, SC; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Narvis Cook of Little Mountain, SC; and a host of nieces and great nieces, nephews and great-nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Reverend G. Bernard Davis, Presiding
Pastor, Elisha A.M.E. Church, Silverstreet, SC

Parting View Family and Friends

Opening Selection Choir and Congregation
"Bye And Bye"

Invocation Minister John Hunter

Scripture
Old Testament
New Testament

Reflections Brother Jimmy Metts
Reverend James McClain
Mr. Walt Mcleod

Selection Sister Emma Mayers
"Peace In The Valley"

Words of Comfort Rev. Kenneth Charles

Prayer of Strength Rev. Wright Austin
Pastor, Belmont Baptist Church, Silverstreet, SC

Selection Brother Joseph Livingston
"Two Wings"

Committal Ministers

Benediction Minister

Interment St. Paul A.M.E. Church Cemetery
Pomaria, South Carolina