

## Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Mattie Bell Woods is most grateful for the love you have shown to us during our time of bereavement.

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.*

*Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there.*

*Perhaps you spoke the kindest words that any friend could say.*

*Perhaps you were not there at all, just prayed for us that day.*

*Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
thank you so much whatever the part.*

## Active Pallbearers

Fredrick Robinson

Marcell Woods

Toby Coleman

Jeon Woods

Qwen Henderson

Brian Hill

## Interment

Mt. Olive MB Church Cemetery

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My Life's been full, I savoured much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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## A CELEBRATION OF

# Life



March 25, 1931 ~ July 13, 2021

# Mrs. Mattie Bell Woods

## Service

Saturday July 24, 2021 ~11:00AM

Mount Olive MB Church

Pastor Burnett Messenger

Minister James W. Williams ~ Eulogist

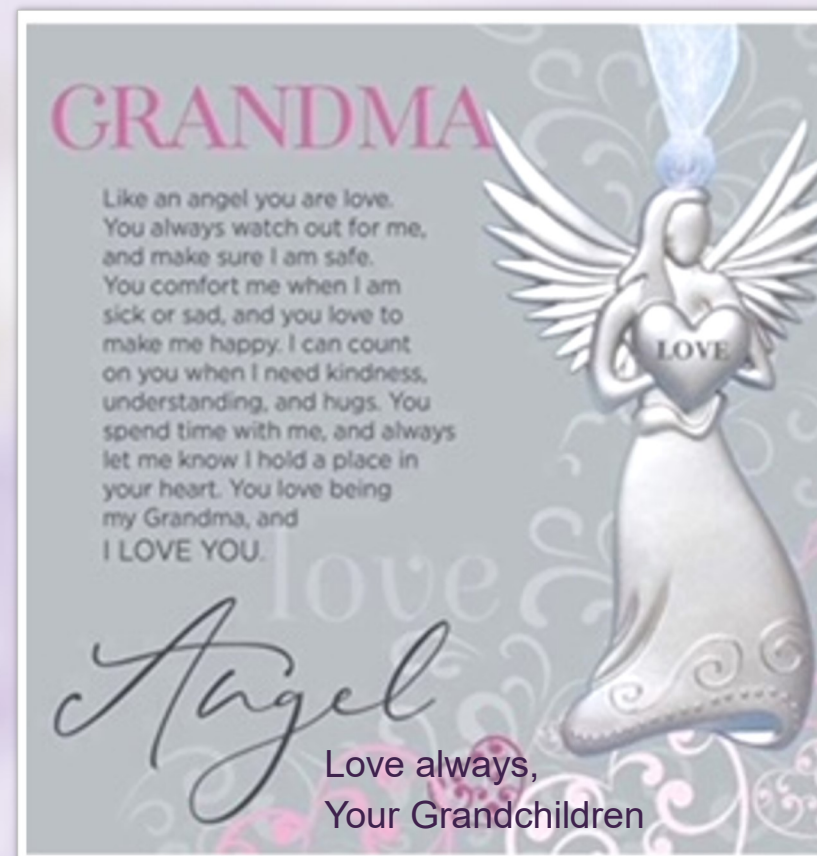


## *As I sit in Heaven*

*As I sit in heaven  
and I watch you everyday,  
I try to let you know with signs  
that I never went away.  
I hear you when your laughing  
and watch you as you sleep,  
I even place my arms around you  
to calm you as you weep.  
I see you wish the days away  
begging to have me home,  
so I try to send you signs  
so you know your not alone.  
Don't feel guilty because you have a life  
that I was denied to me.  
Heaven is truly beautiful  
just you wait and see,  
so live your life laugh again,  
enjoy yourself and be free  
then I know with every breath you take  
you'll be taking one for me.*







You were there when we took our first steps,  
 And went unsteadily across the floor.  
 You pushed and prodded: encouraged and guided,  
 Until our steps took us out the door...  
 You worry now "Are they ok?"  
 Is there more you could have done?  
 As we walk the paths of our unknown  
 You wonder "Where have my children gone?"  
 Where we are is where you have led us,  
 With your special love you showed us a way,  
 To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make.  
 Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.  
 And where we go you can be sure,  
 In spirit you shall never be alone.  
 For where you are is what matters most to us,  
 Because to us that will always be home...

**Love you Mom,  
 Your children**



Reflections of  
Mrs. Mattie Bell Woods

<sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

<sup>8</sup> 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.

2nd Timothy 4:7-8 kjv

*Mattie Woods was the daughter of the late Aubrey and Idell Sain. Mattie was the matriarch of the Woods & Kelley family. She loved to sing, cook, travel, and spend time with family. Mattie's favorite quotes were "Look up to the sky and live", "If the Lord says the same", "When I stand up, my thoughts sit down", "Gwone Now(Go on now)" and "Let the sky be your limit". as her health begin to fail her saying was "I'm kicking but not as high". Mattie had a welcoming spirit that didn't judge anyone based on their appearance. Mattie's favorite pastime was sitting on the porch watching the traffic on Lee Street.*

*Mattie confessed hope in Christ at an early age and united with the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until the end of her journey. Mattie was a choir member as well as the choir president. Mattie served on the motherboard for over thirty years. Mattie attended Hardeman County School System. Mattie married Luther James Woods Sr. in 1952.*

*Mattie was employed at Master Slack and Harman Automotive in Bolivar, Tennessee. Mattie retired in 1993. After years in retirement, she returned to work as a foster grandmother at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Day Care and Hornsby Elementary School as a grand-parent.*

*Mattie B was preceded in death, by her parents; Aubrey and Idell Sain: her husband; Luther Woods Sr.: two sons; Louise (Eddie) Lloyd and Luther Woods Jr.: one daughter; Evelyn Jean Robinson: two sisters; Gloria Dell Kelley and Daisy Lee Saddler.*

*Mattie B leaves to cherish her memories, two sons; James Aubrey and Cedric Woods: five daughters; Doris Turner, Inell Washington, Gazella Coleman, Gwendolyn and Natalie Woods; nineteen grandchildren; seven nieces and nephews that was raised as her own and a host of great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.*



Order of Service

Processional

Scripture/Prayer.....Pastor Herbert Murphy  
Amazing Grace COGIC

Solo.....Angela Geanes

Remarks.....2 minutes please.....Family & Friends

Solo.....Loistene Dupree

Acknowledgement.....

Solo.....Jeremy Young

Eulogy.....Pastor James Williams

Recessional

Legacy of Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always kind.  
You fought for us all in one way or another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally keep