

*A Celebration of Life
for
Sister Smithie Louise Matthews Brew*



Saturday, August 12, 2017

3:00 pm

Saint Mark African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

155 Liberty Avenue

Ozark, Alabama 36360

Rev. Boyd Fuller, Pastor, Officiating

Rev. Dr. J. E. Fields, Presiding Elder

Mrs. Jacqueline W. Lartey, Missionary Supervisor

The Right Reverend Seth O. Lartey, Presiding Prelate

Alabama - Florida Episcopal District

Obituary

Smithie Louise Matthews was the third child born to the late Rev. W. D. Matthews and Lucile Smith Matthews on May 7, 1929 in Dale County (Ozark) Alabama. Five girls completed this happy family circle.

She received her early education from the Ozark City School System. After graduating from high school, she attended and earned a "B.S." degree from Livingston College located in Salisbury, N.C. majoring in Elementary Education. Smithie also earned a M.A. degree and "AA" degree from Troy University. She taught school for 33 years in Ozark City School and the Dale County School Systems.

Smithie was an active member of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, serving faithfully in many organizations, including The Trustee Board, Steward Board, Deaconess Board, A Sunday School Teacher, Ministry of Kindness, Life Member of the Missionary Society, Lay Council, Christian Education Class Leader, Member of the Senior Choir and Quarterly Conference Secretary.

Her professional membership included R.T.A., A.E.A. and N.E.A. She also was a member of the Kappa Delta Pi and Gamma Phi Honor Societies. She was honored as Ozark's Woman of the year in 1983.

Smithie's community activities included; Past Worthy Matron of Pride of Alabama Chapter 60, O.E.S.; Worthy Matron of District 8, Order of the Eastern Star which included Dale, Coffee, and Crenshaw Counties; Grand Officer (G.C.C.F.C) of Mizpah Grand Chapter O.E.S., P.H.A. Alabama Jurisdiction; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Dale County Historical Society, Daffodil Garden Club, American Legion Auxiliary No. 313; and a member of ADC of Dale County.

On June 7, 1952 Sgt. Samuel H. Brew and Smithie Louise Matthews Brew were joined in Holy Matrimony. They were blessed with one son Samuel Daron Brew. She traveled a lot with her husband to many states and countries. She was a thoughtful neighbor, a contributing citizen, proud of her city and its progress, a dependable friend, always ready to give a helping hand. A devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin.

On Monday, August 7, 2017, while a patient at Dale Medical Center, (Ozark) Smithie responded to the call of Our Heavenly Father and quietly went to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and one sister Rachel Gibson.

Precious memories of her will be cherished by her devoted son and his wife, Samuel D. Brew (Mary) one grandson, Samuel D. Brew, Jr. one great-grandson, Luis Antonio Brew Aruz all of Ozark, Three sisters; Hazel Turner, Betty Thompson, and Nancy McFarlin, Ozark. Devoted nieces; Deborah Benton, Enterprise, Bethel Terry, Yolanda McFarlin, and Renorda McFarlin, Ozark. Devoted nephews; Calvin Beale (Nora) Aiea, Hawaii, W.D. Beale, Atlanta, Roy Thompson, Ozark, Arthur R. Bakari and Perry Bakari, (Latonya) Newark, N.J. One Aunt, Gussie Jackson, Ozark, an adopted family, Joseph and Wanda Jones and children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



"Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you the rest."

Matthew 11:28

Order of Service

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The Prelude.....Bethel Terry
Jeffery Roseboro

The Processional.....Ministers and Family

The Hymn.....Congregation
#282 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

The Scriptures:
Old TestamentRev. Titus Cummings, Pastor
Psalm 90:1-10 Martin Zion Baptist Church
Eufaula, Alabama
New Testament.....Rev. Joseph Ellington, III, Pastor
I Cor. 15:47-48 Pleasant Grove AME Zion Church
Ozark, Alabama

The Prayer.....Bishop Curtis Williams, Pastor
Lively Stones Ministries Worship Center
Ozark, Alabama

The Prayer Chant.....Congregation

The Selection.....Choir

The Reflections and Tributes
Church.....Mac Arthur Crittenden - St. Mark
Friend and Classmate.....Victoria Calhoun - Greater Sardis
As I knew her.....Rev. Artez Jones, Pastor
Beulah Hill MBC
Banks, Alabama

The Obituary.....Read Silently
Soft Music

The Acknowledgements and Resolution.....Yolanda McFarlin

The Words of Comfort and Presentation of the Speaker
Rev. Dr. J.E. Fields, P.E.
East Montgomery District
Central AL Conference
Montgomery, Alabama

The Selection.....Choir

The Eulogy.....Rev. Loretta Payne, Pastor
Rogers Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
Wetumpka, Alabama

The Prayer of Comfort

The Recessional

Interment
Traveler's Rest Cemetery
West Parker Street
Ozark, Alabama



Just a Memory Away

*I'm no longer by your side
but there is no need to weep.
I've left sweet recollections
I'm hoping you will keep.*

*Eternal joy and memories
stay in our hearts forever,
strengthening our special bond
that parting cannot sever.*

*Now it's time to journey on
so let your faith be strong.
For I am in a better place
I'm home where I belong.*

*And if times of loneliness
bring sorrow and dismay,
don't despair, for I am there
Just a memory away.*



Pallbearers

Trustees, Stewards, Cousins,
and
Friends

Flower Bearers

Missionaries, Cousins, Friends,
and
The Traveling Ushers

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Smithie Louise Matthews Brew, is grateful for the many comforting messages, floral tributes, personal kindness and other expressions of sympathy and love that has been shown to us throughout her illness and during this time of bereavement.

Special "Thank you" to the staff of Flowers Hospital, Dale Medical Center and Ozark Health and Rehabilitation Center.

May God continue to Bless each of you!

~ The Brew and Matthews Families ~

**Arrangements Entrusted to
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