



Mrs. Marie M. Matthews

June 5, 1929 - December 9, 2024

On Monday, December 9, 2024 God called Mrs. Marie Magelene (Flowers) Matthews' soul to rest and comfort at the age of 95 years from Covenant Healthcare Cooper in Saginaw, Michigan. She was 95 years.

Marie was born on June 5, 1929 in Brundidge, Alabama to the parents of Alex and Jasie Bell (Snell) Flowers. She received her education at Cross Road School in Brundidge, Alabama and D.A. Smith School in Ozark, Alabama where she loved playing basketball alongside her siblings John and Mamie. They were basketball stand outs winning many games. She also was a Sunday school teacher in Alabama.

Marie was married to Coley Lee Matthews for 66 years. The family moved to Saginaw, Michigan in 1951. Mrs. Matthews was a lovely wife, loving mother and was a devoted homemaker. She enjoyed listening to her son, Eddie "Butch" play the saxophone. She was a longtime, very faithful, active member of Bethel A.M.E. Church Saginaw. She was in the Busy Bees Club of Bethel. In the State Rally Fund Raisers held at the church, Marie served as the Governor of Alabama raising more funds than anyone in the church for a number of years after which she was affectionately known as The Queen of Bethel A.M.E. Church. "Queen" enjoyed attending worship service and giving financial support; she loved her church.

Marie affectionately known as “Queen” enjoyed cooking, traveling to family and friends for Family Reunions in Canton, Ohio, Clairton, PA, Alabama and other places. She enjoyed dressing from “Head to toe” with the perfect hat for every lovely outfit. She was an avid basketball fan and coached every game from her favorite chair in her living room.

Mrs. Matthews leaves to cherish her memory one devoted daughter and son-in-law, Elnora (Joe) Washington, Saginaw; three grandchildren, Cion Washington, Saginaw, Robert Earl Davis and Andre Davis both of Las Vegas, NV; a sister-in-law, Lottie Jones of Ozark, AL; god-children, Joseph and Diane Chaney, Houston and Elaine Jackson, Martha Lockhart; god-grandchildren, Dwight, Kashara and Janice Rance, Letisha and Vernon Randle, Alisa and Demetrius Chaney; host of nieces, nephews and cousins including special cousins, Gwen, Linda, Cynthia and Ralph Martin, the families of Tissuerene Casey, Arthur Gissendanner, Odhalia Rance, Janis Porter, Dorothy Perkins, Grance Reeves, Linwood and Dora Gissendanner.

Mrs. Marie Mageline Matthews was preceded in death by her husband Coley Matthews; daughter Debra Davis; a son, Eddie Matthews; and twin babies; an infant grandchild; her siblings, Delbert (Orsie Mae) Flowers, James (Fan) Flowers, John (Emma) Flowers, Earlie Flowers, Mamie (Clarence) Rowe; son-in-law, Robert Davis; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pearlle (James) Johnson, Amelia (Larry) McAllister, Lois Ann Matthews, Gracie Gaines and Benjamin Matthews; a host of other dear relatives and friends.

“ We want to thank all the doctors and nurses for helping my mother”
We Love her! She was the best wife and mother. We all send her love, kisses and hugs.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2024 at Bethel AME Church, 535 Cathay St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Rev. Dr. Dennis

Laffoon will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *My prayers and condolence goes out to the family* ”



Margie Shakespeare - December 21, 2024 at 08:49 PM

SM

“ *Shender Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews* ”



Shender Mckinney - December 20, 2024 at 01:14 PM

VJ

“ *Valerie J sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews* ”



Valerie J - December 20, 2024 at 08:29 AM

BR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Betty Ramseur - December 19, 2024 at 08:48 PM

VJ

Beautiful

Valerie J - December 20, 2024 at 08:29 AM

EC

“ *Rest In Paradise Mrs Marie. 11th St. Strong*

Eddie (Wayne) Canada - December 17, 2024 at 11:09 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Morris-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Deborah Morris-Williams - December 17, 2024 at 06:37 PM

MD

“ *Mr. Vincent & Chon (Jones) Dugan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Mr. Vincent & Chon (Jones) Dugan - December 17, 2024 at 04:00 PM

SM

“ *Shender Mckinney lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Shender Mckinney - December 17, 2024 at 01:10 PM

NA

“ *Rest in Peace and prayers to the Family... From Watson and Jessie Sears Granddaughter*



Natalie Abernathy - December 16, 2024 at 10:45 PM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Delta Hawkins - December 16, 2024 at 09:44 PM

MR

“ *Mamie's children, Betty, Brenda, Jeany, Melony, Vester, & Ralph purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews.*



Mamie's children, Betty, Brenda, Jeany, Melony, Vester, & Ralph - December 16, 2024 at 01:19 PM

FS

“ family & children of James W Flowers Sr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews.

family & children of James W Flowers Sr - December 16, 2024 at 11:37 AM

FS

“ family & children of James W Flowers Sr purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews.



family & children of James W Flowers Sr - December 16, 2024 at 11:37 AM

WC

“ My beloved cousin Marie. She lived a life filled with love and laughter, she loved her family and her God. We will miss our "Queen." It's not good bye, but see you later. Rev. Dr. W.F. Casey

Willie Frazier Casey - December 16, 2024 at 10:54 AM

KW

“ KimberlyFay Woodley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews



KimberlyFay Woodley - December 15, 2024 at 12:20 AM

RW

“ *Condolences Matthew Family*



Rodney Walker and Barbara Walker - December 14, 2024 at 07:36 PM

AN

“ *Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Alicia Nelson - December 14, 2024 at 03:38 PM

MM

“ *Mary Mathious-Crosby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Mary Mathious-Crosby - December 14, 2024 at 08:26 AM

LF

“ *Linda Johnson And Family. lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Linda Johnson and Family. - December 13, 2024 at 03:32 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Matthews*



Lillie Strong - December 12, 2024 at 02:38 PM

T.

I agree with Sister Lillie Strong in memory of Mrs. Marie Matthews. Love the white dove as a virtual gift. T.Williams. Blessed to live be 95 and know Jesus as her Personal Saviour. She was a blessing to be around, Bible Study, attend Bethel & other Christian events in city. I knew her family- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Washington Jr. "Brother Joe" a blessing and true Christians caring and sharing to the end on Earth. Flying and soaring to be with Jesus. Yes, she won the race and finish course. Well done they good and faithful servant. Praying for the family. God is well pleased for the great things you both have done. I knew her from the Rance family.

T.Williams - December 13, 2024 at 08:59 AM

CW

“ *Calvin And Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Calvin and Delores Williams - December 12, 2024 at 12:29 PM

BK

“ *Beatrice King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Beatrice King - December 12, 2024 at 10:21 AM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - December 12, 2024 at 09:59 AM

SM

“ *Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Sam and Deborah Mack - December 12, 2024 at 09:48 AM

DG

“ *Deborah Goines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Deborah Goines - December 12, 2024 at 08:32 AM

MG

“ Miller Deborah Goines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews



Miller Deborah Goines - December 12, 2024 at 08:31 AM

BJ

“ Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews



Brenda Jones - December 12, 2024 at 07:57 AM

GW

“ Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews



Gracie M Witherspoon - December 12, 2024 at 05:38 AM

TB

“ Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews



Tonja S Brown - December 12, 2024 at 05:38 AM

BB

“ *Belinda Barlow-Poole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Belinda Barlow-Poole - December 11, 2024 at 11:26 PM

LS

“ *Lillie B. Strong & family sent a Virtual Gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Matthews*



Lillie Strong - December 11, 2024 at 02:07 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - December 11, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Yvette Wofford - December 10, 2024 at 10:23 PM

TG

“ You will be missed. I would come by with my daddy Money

Terry Gissendanner - December 10, 2024 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ Lillie Strong & family sent a virtual Gift in memory of Mrs. Marie Matthews



Lillie Strong - December 10, 2024 at 05:42 PM

BJ

“ Elnora and Bro Joe. Sorry to hear of Queen Marie's passing. May Heaven smile as she enters the gates.



Brenda Jones - December 10, 2024 at 11:49 AM

SF

“ Stanley, Letha Knight And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews



Stanley, Letha Knight and family - December 10, 2024 at 11:20 AM

DD

“ *Debra Drake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Debra Drake - December 10, 2024 at 10:28 AM

BL

“ *Bobbie Gissendanner Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Bobbie Gissendanner Lockhart - December 10, 2024 at 08:25 AM

HJ

“ *Our Sincere Sympathy Goes Out To Sis. Elnora, Bro. Joe, Cion, The Casey's, Family and Friends. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You All at this Difficult Time. "Queen Marie" Was One Of A Kind and We Will Truly Miss Her. She Had A Great Sense of Humor. She Would Always Say To Us: "Hang on Sloopy." We Thank God That She Came Our Way!" TGBTG Houston & Elaine Jackson, Jr. & Family*



Houston and Elaine Jackson Jr - December 10, 2024 at 03:59 AM

ER

“ *Eddie M Rance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie M. Matthews*



Eddie M Rance - December 09, 2024 at 03:58 PM