



Mother Mattie Parker

September 12, 1935 - April 16, 2015

OBITUARY OF MATTIE CLYDE PARKER

A time to be born...

Mattie Clyde Brantley was born on September 12, 1935 in Eupora, Mississippi, the fourth child to the union of the late Lindsey and Teretha (Brown) Brantley.

A time to grow...

Mattie accepted Christ at an early age. The Brantley families were members of Liberty United Methodist Church in Eupora, MS. She loved singing, and along with her siblings joined with their cousins the Aldridge family and formed their own gospel group "The Friendly Five". Mattie attended Webster County Training School where she played on the championship basketball team. She later graduated from Mary Holmes Junior College in West Point, MS. She first met William Parker at a basketball game in 1953. However the two lost touch shortly there after, and Mattie would join her sister Delma, moving north to Chicago, IL.

A time to love...

In Chicago, Mattie and William were reintroduced to each other by dear friends Luther and Essie Payton. They were married on November 15, 1958. Seeking to provide a better life for their young growing family, Mattie and William moved to Saginaw, MI. The family flourished in Saginaw. Mattie loved Saginaw and would often state that Saginaw, MI gave her everything that she had. As a result of their hard work by 1977 the couple was able to build their “dream home”, a home that Mattie would reside in for the remainder of her life.

A time for family and fun...

Nearly inseparable, Mattie and her sister Delma attended and graduated from the “All American Beauty School” and became licensed beauticians. For years they worked side by side curling and pressing hair in their beauty shop. Mattie was a wonderful wife and homemaker. Although a slender woman Mattie Parker could cook! Every dish that came from her kitchen was just plain delicious. She was particularly well known for her famous “hummingbird cake” and her “down home Mississippi dressing”. Mattie was very devoted to her family, and could often be seen cheering at her sons, and later her grandson and granddaughter’s basketball games. Family was important to her and for over forty years She and William would host the annual Christmas Eve celebration. Through the years literally hundreds of family and friends attended. She was always happy when other families would “copy” her model and begin to have gatherings of their own. At her last celebration on Christmas Eve 2014, Mattie, although in poor health, but always thankful of God’s many blessings, insisted that the tradition that she started would continue after her time on earth was done...It will be.

A time to worship...

The family joined St. Luke Christian Methodist Episcopal Church where Mattie was a faithful member. She was a stewardess, missionary, choir member,

male chorus director and organized the annual women's conference. They later joined Victorious Believers Ministries under the leadership of Bishop Marvin C. Pryor. At VBM, she was an active member of the Mother's Board, a licensed missionary and prayer warrior at TCT.

A time to serve...

It was the death of her daughter Angela Terosha on November 11, 1967 that prompted Mattie to commit her life to the mentally and physically impaired. A love and commitment she would share and inspire the entire family with. Her daughter Pama would seek a career as a teacher for (POHI), Physically Otherwise Health Impaired. Mattie was the first African American woman to be employed at the Saginaw Community Mental Health. She retired after 23 years of service.

A time to remember...

Left to cherish Mother Parker's memory and to continue her legacy are her devoted husband of 56 years, Deacon William Parker; her loving children, Bunard Wendell and Anthony Stefon Parker; very special neice/daughter, Sherry (Albert) Hannah; grandchildren, Carron Phillips, Steven Duncan, William Allen, Bunard Wendell Parker II, Lindsay Brantley, Angela Z. Parker, Ashley Jones, Dionte Jones; sisters, Jeffalone Rumph, Delma Draine, Sylvia Brantley; brother, Bernard (Ora) Brantley; aunt, Ora Bell Hilliard; sisters-in-law, Katie Payne, Charlie Steen (John) Hughes, Jewel (Maude) Christian, Gladiola (Jake) Sampson, Mattie Dawn, Joy Bostic, Wilmer Lee Roberts, Izora McKinney; brothers-in-law, Walter (Kathy) Norsworthy and Dave Norsworthy; beloved great-niece and caregiver Demetria Draine; extended family and loving caregiver, Kimberly Lax; friends, Loubbertha Brown and family, Thomasina Dorsey and family, Luther & Essie Payton, Elder Walter & Barbara

Davis; god-daughter Jacinta Seals; god-son, Freeman Brown.

Special thanks to Heartland Hospice and Nurse Karen Booker and several other nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Mother Parker is preceded in death by, daughters, Pama Delesa Phillips and Angela Terosha Parker; parents, Lindsey and Teretha Brantley; brothers, James Brantley and Excell Brantley.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015 at Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C., 624 South Outer Drive. Elder Christopher V. Pryor will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Victorious Believers Ministries C.O.G.I.C.
624 South Outer Drive
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall



“ Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Browne's Mortuary - April 24, 2015 at 07:33 AM

DA

That was a Beautiful Video. ...

Dwight Akins - July 23, 2015 at 10:19 AM

LJ

“ God's love and strength be with the Parker family during this time of transition for Mattie Parker. What a beautiful and Godly woman she was! She was loved greatly and will be greatly missed as she Rests in Heaven now.

Lynn Jones

Lynn Jones - May 02, 2015 at 08:05 AM

DM

“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Derrell Martin - April 29, 2015 at 05:38 PM

RB

“ *Rosette Blakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Rosette Blakes - April 25, 2015 at 07:42 PM

NT

“ *To the Parker Family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, I pray your Mother's unconditional love shine upon you at this difficult time.. Anthony I will keep you in my prayers.*



Ms. Nina Thomas

nina thomas - April 25, 2015 at 08:14 AM

PM

“ *I will always remember Mrs. Parker's beautiful smile and wonderful words of encouragement, and the warm hospitality that she always greeted me with, whenever I was a guest in the Parker home. Mrs. Parker, her daughter, Pama, and her niece, Sherry, have always felt more like family, than friends.*

To the Parker family, and to Sherry, you have my sincerest sympathy. You all are in my prayers.

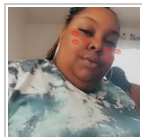
Patty Pinner McAdams - April 24, 2015 at 04:24 PM

PM

“ *Mrs. Mattie Brantley Parker was a beautiful and elegant lady on the inside and outside. She loved the Lord and would just light up talking about Him, Oh it's indeed our loss but it is Heaven's gain. I will always remember that smile of yours. Family be encourage and continue to enjoy the memories. Mr. Parker you were always there taking care of your love, may the Lord bless and keep you..*



Pastor Glenda B. Mays - April 24, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ *Prayers hugs and kisses*



Takira Washington - April 24, 2015 at 07:44 AM

LW

“ *Lula R. Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Lula R. Woodard - April 23, 2015 at 11:22 PM

LM

“ *Langston Family Members lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Langston Family Members - April 23, 2015 at 09:25 PM

BP

“ *Barbara Payton lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Barbara Payton - April 23, 2015 at 06:09 PM

AS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mother Mattie Parker, Deacon Parker you and your family have my deepest sympathy, you all are in my prayers. And remember Deacon you are in good hands, because you are in God's hands. Love always Missionary Shannon.*

Anna Shannon - April 23, 2015 at 05:43 PM

AS

“ *Anna Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Anna Shannon - April 23, 2015 at 05:26 PM

JP

“ We are so sorry !!! May God Bless each of you in a special way. We love you, Joye & Jehan



Joye Parker - April 23, 2015 at 02:24 PM

BM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara McChriston - April 23, 2015 at 12:57 PM

MM

“ Mary McMath lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Mary McMath - April 23, 2015 at 12:28 PM

FL

“ *Fermer & Jackie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Fermer & Jackie Lewis - April 23, 2015 at 12:09 PM

LT

“ *Linda Troutmon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Linda Troutmon - April 23, 2015 at 10:13 AM

JA

“ *Joyce Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Joyce Anderson - April 23, 2015 at 12:50 AM

OS

“ *Ollie Sharper lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Ollie Sharper - April 22, 2015 at 10:51 PM

OS

Sis. Parker was such a sweet and gentle soul...her kindness towards me will never be forgotten..my prayers are with your family.

Ollie Sharper - April 22, 2015 at 10:53 PM

Jl

“ *Mr.Parker and Family you have my deepest sympathy for the lost of you dear wife and my dear friend.My prayer go out to you and your family.May god bless The Parker Family*

*Emma Chaney and Sons
Stonemoutain Ga*

jimmie - April 22, 2015 at 10:24 PM

DM

“ *David And Versie Munerlyn lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



David and Versie Munerlyn - April 22, 2015 at 09:25 PM

GW

“ *Wendell, Anthony, and Mr. Parker and famliy we are deeply sadden by your loss, you all are in our prayers. At all times "reach out to God which cometh your strength, weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning "*

Love the Ellison Family



Gwen - April 22, 2015 at 05:29 PM

LB

“ *Lorraine & Kenneth Bond lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Lorraine & Kenneth Bond - April 22, 2015 at 04:21 PM

JC

“ *I am praying for you and will remember Mattie forever.wish I could have been there with you.love you
Your sister; Jewell Parker Christion*

Jewell Parker Christion - April 22, 2015 at 09:25 AM

LJ

“ *Leon Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Leon Jackson - April 22, 2015 at 07:06 AM



“ *A message of sympathy. Sorry to hear of your loss.*

Jean McClelland & Daughter

Brezetta Steverson - April 21, 2015 at 10:54 PM

LN

“ *Linda Nickerson-Draine lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Linda Nickerson-Draine - April 21, 2015 at 10:10 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Johnson Brantley Purnell lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Sandra Johnson Brantley Purnell - April 21, 2015 at 07:24 PM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Doloris Mixon - April 21, 2015 at 06:50 PM

DM

“ *Doloris Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Doloris Mixon - April 21, 2015 at 06:34 PM

KM

“ *Mother Parker will truly be missed. Deacon Parker and family I love you and am praying for you. I love you all so much. May God bless you always.*

Kay McMillan - April 21, 2015 at 05:38 PM

PP

“ *Paula Jeanette Phillips-Terrell lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Paula Jeanette Phillips-Terrell - April 21, 2015 at 03:31 PM

DT

“ *Drayne S. Terry lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Drayne S. Terry - April 21, 2015 at 02:29 PM

SK

“ *Sherrie Kilpatrick lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Sherrie Kilpatrick - April 21, 2015 at 01:40 PM

CR

“ *Clara L. Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker* ”



Clara L. Robinson - April 21, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ *6 files added to the album New Album Name* ”



Sherry Draine Hannah - April 21, 2015 at 11:36 AM

KF

“ *Kenneth & Patricia Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker* ”



Kenneth & Patricia Fuller - April 21, 2015 at 10:12 AM

MW

“ Anthony and the entire Parker family...I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Mattie Parker. I prayer that god will give you comfort and strength during this difficult time of need. Mrs. Mattie earned her wings and fought a good fight now the race is over. Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comfort Matthew 5:4!

Melissa Wadley - April 21, 2015 at 12:16 AM

ZB

“ ZADA Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



ZADA Bailey - April 20, 2015 at 09:42 PM

ZB

Mr parker. Wendell and Anthony.may god grant you his peace and strength during this time of sorrow.i can hear her singing. "i'm coming up the rough side of the mountain" the rough side is smooth now. rest in peace mrs. Parker one of my favorite people

ZADA Bailey - April 20, 2015 at 09:58 PM

KH

“ Ken Harris lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Ken Harris - April 20, 2015 at 08:56 PM

GG

“ Gregory Granberry lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Gregory Granberry - April 20, 2015 at 06:52 PM

GG

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the loss of Mrs. Mattie Parker such a beautiful spirit has departed and left a void in all who knew her and were blessed by her presence. To Wendell, Anthony, Mr. Parker and the entire family we are praying for you In your time of grief and if there is anything we can do for you please don't hesitate to call.

Gregory & Stephanie Granberry



Gregory Granberry - April 20, 2015 at 06:51 PM

YB

“ Yazzie Rumph Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Yazzie Rumph Bishop - April 20, 2015 at 04:55 PM

SP

“ *Wendell, I was deeply saddened by the news of your mom Mattie Parker passing. Our heart felt condolences go out to you and the Parker family.*

Stefan and the Powell Family!

Stefan Powell - April 20, 2015 at 11:46 AM

SP

“ *Stefan Powell lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Stefan Powell - April 20, 2015 at 11:44 AM

TM

“ *Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Theresa McClellon - April 20, 2015 at 11:12 AM

LJ

“ *To the entire family of Mrs Mattie Parker, we send our deepest sympathy. What a sweet sweet spirt she is and will ever be in our hearts.*

God will give you the strength and comfort you need during this time and forever more.



Leroy and Valerie Johnson - April 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM

TC

“ Tracy L. Cormier lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Tracy L. Cormier - April 20, 2015 at 10:19 AM

RP

“ Another Angel Has Gone Home, We Will Miss Your Smile. RIH Mattie. Love You Harris Family, Partee Family

Roe Annette Trotter Partee - April 20, 2015 at 09:56 AM

MR

“ Mrs. Renee (Moten) Curry lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker



Mrs. Renee (Moten) Curry - April 20, 2015 at 08:43 AM

VL

“ So sorry to hear of my cousin home going. my prayers are with the family. I always look forward to seeing her at the old home place and our fellowship the 2nd Sunday on Mother's Day in Eupora, Ms. she will be greatly missed.

Velma (Daniels) LEDBETTER - April 20, 2015 at 08:18 AM

OR

“ *My heart, is sadden, as Aunt Mattie eyes closed, yet I rejoice of the gain in Heaven, her eternal home. Thank God for a comforter. 2 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV: 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.*

O. Roesha Rumph - April 20, 2015 at 07:50 AM

DW

“ *Deborah Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Deborah Williams - April 20, 2015 at 07:31 AM

DF

“ *The Frierson family sends our sincere condolences and prayers to the entire family of Mrs. Mattie. She will truly be missed.*

Drs. Ron & Georgette Frierson - April 20, 2015 at 01:10 AM

GL

“ *Mr. Parker, Wendell, and Anthony you all have our deepest sympathy. Hold tight to you memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength; and remember how much you are loved. Weeping may endure for a night but joy truly cometh in the morning. If you all need anything don't hesitate to call.*

Gwen & Larry Conway



Gwen & larry - April 20, 2015 at 01:10 AM

LW

“ *Lillie Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Lillie Williams - April 19, 2015 at 09:39 PM

Gerri Bowen

“ *Gerri Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Gerri Bowen - April 19, 2015 at 06:20 PM

SB

“ *To the Parker family. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that we are praying for you.*
Spencer and Dorothea Bandy

spencer bandy - April 19, 2015 at 05:40 PM

MV

“ *Ms. Debra Guster And Victoria lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Ms. Debra Guster and Victoria - April 19, 2015 at 11:05 AM

JA

“ *Josie Alexander Family.*



Josephine Alexander - April 19, 2015 at 10:04 AM

TH

“ *Twanda Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Twanda Hill - April 19, 2015 at 08:50 AM

TH

“ *Twanda Hill lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Twanda Hill - April 19, 2015 at 08:47 AM

HS

“ *Helen Scott lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Helen Scott - April 18, 2015 at 08:27 PM

JV

“ *Jeffalone Rumph Vassal purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mother Mattie Parker.*



Jeffalone Rumph Vassal - April 18, 2015 at 07:46 PM

JW

“ *Juanita Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Juanita Witherspoon - April 18, 2015 at 06:27 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Sandra Chapman - April 18, 2015 at 06:16 PM

JR

“ *Mr. Parker, Wendell, & Anthony please know that our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. God is always with you. Take comfort in knowing the ladies of your life (Angie, Pama, and Mrs Mattie Clyde)are once again together. We will continue praying for the family and if you need us we are just a phone call away.*



Joyce & DeMychael Robinson - April 18, 2015 at 01:07 PM

LE

“ *Lucy Erby lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Lucy Erby - April 18, 2015 at 12:56 PM

JB

“ *Aunt Mattie we love you, but God loved you more. You healed and made whole. I know you are rejoicing and praising God. Much love.*



Jama & Art Baltrip,jr. - April 18, 2015 at 10:49 AM

RA

“ *Rhonda Atkins lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Rhonda Atkins - April 18, 2015 at 09:36 AM

MC

“ *Margaret Carter lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Margaret Carter - April 17, 2015 at 10:32 PM

VB

“ *Velissa Batts lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Velissa Batts - April 17, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ *Reginald Cameron lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Reginald Cameron - April 17, 2015 at 08:06 PM

JH

“ *JoAnne And Terri Herring lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



JoAnne and Terri Herring - April 17, 2015 at 06:05 PM

LD

“ *Lily Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mother Mattie Parker*



Lily Dixon - April 17, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MD

“ *Mary Darby lit a candle in memory of Mother
Mattie Parker*



Mary Darby - April 17, 2015 at 02:59 PM



“ *Lawrence Brooks lit a candle in memory of
Mother Mattie Parker*



Lawrence Brooks - April 17, 2015 at 11:28 AM



*Deacon Parker, Wendell and Anthony you all are in my prayers during
this time. Mother will be greatly missed.*

Lawrence Brooks - April 17, 2015 at 11:30 AM



*Dea. Parker & sons, please know that we are praying that God will
comfort & strengthen you at this very difficult time, Eld. Alvin & Mrs.
Helen Jones*

Helen Jones - April 17, 2015 at 06:22 PM

LD

*I looked forward to seeing you along with your husband and siblings
every Mother's Day in Eupora. You left a void in the family circle that
can't be filled. RIP*

Levorn Von Daniels - April 20, 2015 at 11:23 PM

GB

“ *Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of
Mother Mattie Parker*



Gwen Bowman - April 17, 2015 at 10:48 AM