Invictus

Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried aloud. Under the bludgeoning's of chance, My head is bloody, but unbowed. Beyond this place of wrath and tears Looms but the Horror of the shade, and yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid. It matters not how strait the gate, How charged with punishments the scroll, I am the master of my fate. I am the captain of my soul.

- By William Ernest Henley

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In Loving Memory Of Louise.



Acknowledgements

The family of Louise Metcalf acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to all of our family and friends who helped in anyway. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

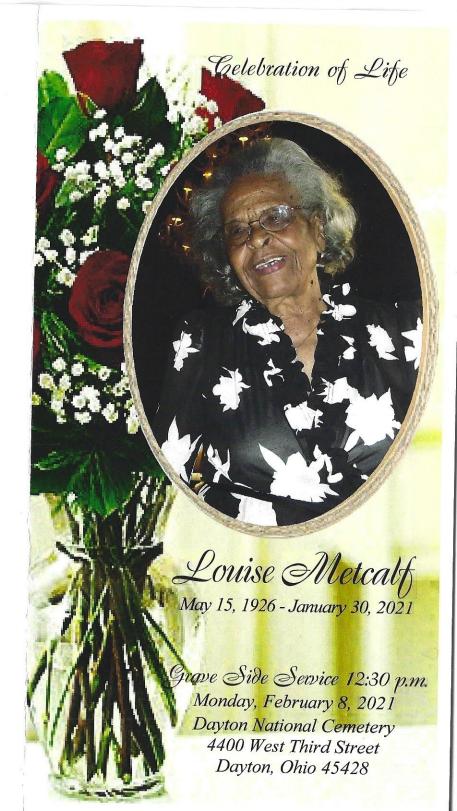
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I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me.

II Timothy 4:7-8

Sketch of Life

Louise passed away peacefully of natural causes, January 30th, 2021 at the grand age of 94. Preceded in death by her loving husband Johnny Metcalf, Sr. She is survived by an eclectic, devoted family for whom she cared for sincerely and preached to consistently including: Daughter and son-in-law Mary and Swede Moorman; Daughters Barbra Graves and Marilyn Jones; Son and daughter-in-law John Jr. and Monica Metcalf; Son Donald Kinley; Grand-children Miko Moorman, Kim Russell, Swede Moorman II (deceased), Keith Jones; Great grandchildren Swede Moorman III, Sterling Fields, Camden and Kai Russell; Sisters-in law Bonnie Metcalf, Margret Metcalf and Ella Metcalf and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was born in Cairo, GA in 1926 to parents Homer and Ethel Rhodes and siblings Estella McCord, Delores Hudson, Aretha Sigler, Donald Rhodes, and Samuel Rhodes all of whom preceded her in death. Growing up in Cairo she accepted Christ at an early age and married the love of her life Johnny Metcalf, Sr. where they enjoyed the rural life of South Georgia with daughter Mary. The family relocated to Dayton, Ohio and became part of the Jefferson township family in the early 1960's where she remained a resident. She was one of many neighborhood mothers that raised a village. Later in life she split her time between Dayton, Cairo and Orlando to be with, care for and preach to family or anyone in need. She was an avid gardener, horticulturalist, animal lover and naturalist. She took great pride in growing, canning and freezing fruits and vegetables from her backyard. She was affectionately known as the family root doctor for her home remedies. She loved dogs and took up wildlife rehabilitation, specializing in squirrels. Nature and the gospel were her interest but people were her passion. She loved and welcomed everyone from all walks of life. Adventurous and outgoing, she never met a stranger and lived the life she so often preached and was an exemplary example of Christianity, faith, acceptance, and love.

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Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (nkip)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.