

A Celebration of Life



In Loving Memory of

Mattie Elizabeth (Baker) Buxton

Sunrise October 21st, 1925 — Sunset May 17th, 2023

Funeral Service Friday, May 26th, 2023 @ 12:00 noon

with Visitation at 11:00 am

Wayman AME Church – 3317 Hoover Ave Dayton, OH 45402

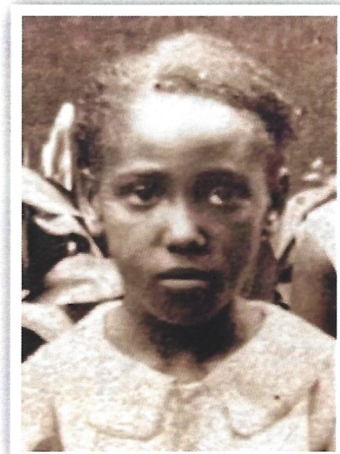
Interment Woodland Cemetery 118 Woodland Ave. Dayton, OH 45409



THE BROKEN CHAIN

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*





ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn - If I Can Help Somebody - Juanita Kelley

Prayer

Old Testament Job 19: 25-27

New Testament Scripture Reading: John 14: 1-6

Selection - I Shall Wear a Crown - Juanita Kelley

Acknowledgement - Poems - Reflections

Reading of Obituary - Silently

Selection - Precious Lord

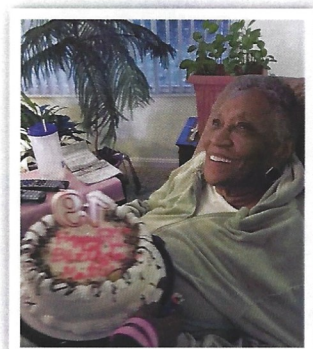
Eulogy

Closing Prayer

Recessional - Instrumental

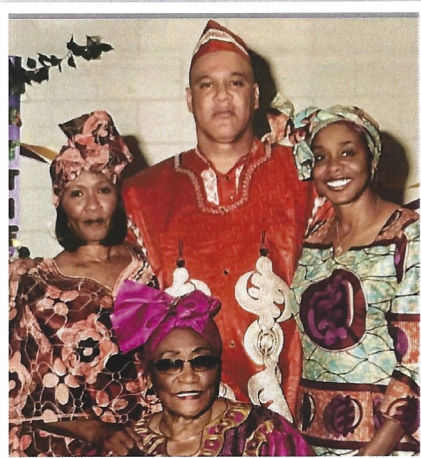
Poem - No Tears

Poem - A Letter From Heaven



NO TEARS

*Weep not for me though I am gone
Into the gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight.
There is no need for tears.
I am at peace, my soul is at rest
There is no pain, I suffer not,
For with your love I was so blessed.
I am in a place of comfort
The fear now is gone.
Put those things in your thoughts,
In your memory I live on.
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life.*



A LETTER FROM HEAVEN

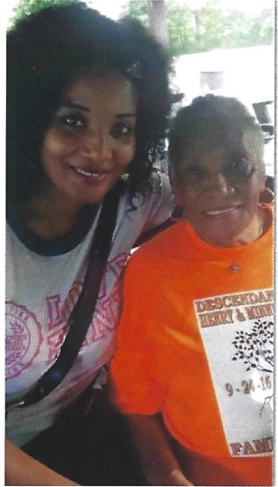
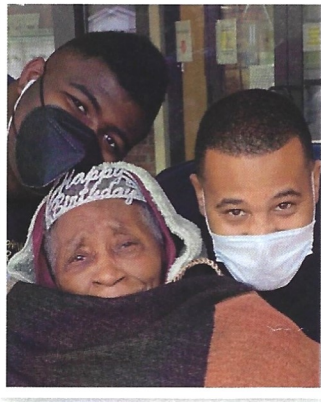
*When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see,
If the sun will rise and find your eyes,
Filled of tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.*

*I know you may love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time you'll think of me, I know'
you 'll miss me too.*

*When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you 'll think of me,
I'll be right there in your heart.*





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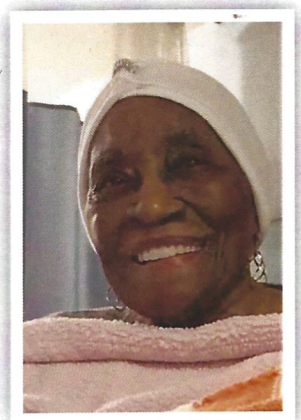
Aged 97 was born in Dayton, OH to Henry and Minnie (Nance) Baker on October 21st 1925. Mattie transitioned from this life on May 17th 2023. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, brothers, Henry, LeRoy and Luther Baker, sisters Willie Mae Hight, and Susie Baker, nephews Edgar Baker, Donald Baker and Michael Bryant, Nieces Minnie Sharon Baker, Carol Williams, grandchildren Elonda Sharon Lewis, Jay McClain, Venice Buxton, Keith Buxton Sr., sons Phillip Sr. and Stanley Sr. Buxton and daughter Saundra Menefee.

Mattie was a lifetime member of Wayman Chapel AME Church. She was a member of the Usher Board amongst other auxiliaries. Mattie was employed with Metropolitan Clothing Store where she retired after many years of employment. Mattie was married to Herbert Buxton and from that union she was blessed with 4 children that she loved and dedicated her life. From Mattie's legacy she leaves to cherish her memory her loving daughter Donna Jean "Jeannie" Buxton, and son Timothy (Jennifer) Moore; 24 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and countless great great grandchildren, niece Julia (Walter) Wingard, nephews Harold (Verna) Bryant, LeRoy Baker and Steven Baker.

Mattie, Mother, Granny, Nana, just a few of the loving names she was affectionately called. She was a very courageous and loving woman whose smile would light up an entire room. She got her strength through prayer and faith in God. Mattie always called herself "one tough old bird". She was devoted and quite the protectress of her children and grandchildren. Mattie nurtured her grandchildren and even mothered her children's friends. She played an intricate role in the upbringing of grand children Tonya, Phillip Jr., Jamila, Jibri Sr.; great grand children Shakeela, and Ameer at some point under the same roof.

Mattie would go into the kitchen with one chicken, 2 potatoes, a can of green beans and no matter how many people showed up to the house they ate as if it were a feast. No matter how scarce the meal, you never left hungry. Hence, the family joke comparing her to Jesus feeding 5k with 2 fish.

Mattie had a jovial spirit. No matter the struggle, she always had a smile and was able to laugh. She met no strangers, was always kind, gentle and loved everyone. In the throes of dementia she never forgot her loved ones. She would have days where she couldn't articulate her words, so she'd sing her little made up songs instead of words. You could always count on her to speak the truth. She used to always say, "the truth is the light" and she lived by that light for all of her days. Anyone could count on her for advice on love, being honored, and life in general. She was very wise. Sometimes her honesty left her with no filter, keeping everyone laughing. She left this life as gracious as she lived.



PALL BEARERS

*Phillip Buxton Jr.
Stanley Buxton Jr.
Kurt Buxton
Jibri Carr Sr.
Jibri Carr Jr.
Phillip Buxton III*

FLOWER BEARERS

*Shakeela Davidson
India Redd
Jada Carr
Tyler Buxton
Marlene Foster
Nicole Carten*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Perhaps you sent a comforting message or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us today. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The family of Mattie E. Buxton wishes to thank everyone for their kindness, support and sympathy extended to us. Please know that each kindness has been a source of strength and solace to us.

*We would like to thank the staff at Hospice of Dayton, Grace Brethren Village, Kettering Medical Center, Pastor Cooper and Wayman Family.
May God Bless and Keep you All.*

*Repast Flanigan Hall Wayman AME Church
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