



Alease Matthews Crockett

March 30, 1937 - July 3, 2020

Parents Levi & Susie Taylor Morton

Date of Birth March 30, 1937

Birthplace Richmond, Virginia

The 9th child born into the union of 10 children of Levi & Susie Morton

Education Educated in Richmond Public Schools

Baker and Navy Hill Elementary Schools

Booker T. Washington Junior High School

Armstrong High School

Maggie Walker High School – Graduated: June 6, 1955

Post Graduate Smithdeal – Massey Business College – 1969-1971

Schools Richmond Technical Center 1971-1972

On-the-Job Federal Building – 3 months 1972

Training Virginia Employment Commission – 3 months, 1972

Employment Medical College of Virginia, St. Luke Hospital 1951-1959

Richmond National Linen, 1962

Traveler's Insurance, 1972

City of Richmond, 1974-2004, received several certificates for training in the Administrative field. Retired with 30 years of service as an Administrative

Officer

on June 29, 2004.

Hobbies Singing Gospel Songs, Basketball, Seek & Find Words, Coloring, and watching TV Game Shows

Background Ms. Alease sung in a gospel Group called The Omega Aires, 1952-1954. During that time, there were many Baptist Churches in the Richmond area. Geraldine Mills (with the assistance of pianist Charles Coleman) formed the group Beside. Geraldine and Alease were blessed with two other singers – Ruth Wright and Helen Harris. They all met while working for the Medical College of Virginia, now known as Virginia Commonwealth University Hospital. Helen's husband Earl drove them around to several churches singing gospels.

Religious Notes At an early age, in 1948, Alease found Christ at Mount Mariah Baptist Church on North First Street, in the Jackson Ward District, but joined the Second Baptist Church, 1400 Idlewood Avenue in the West End. She remained a member there until 1974 when she actually joined the Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue in the Church Hill area where she worship until her illness led to moments of discomfort.

On July 21, 1979 she married William H. Crockett, Sr. (passed June 26, 2007) and acquired a step-son, William Crockett, Jr. However, during her early years of life, Alease married at a very young age, but the marriage was terminated. As her life continued, she met a very handsome young man Edward L. Moody and was blessed with three loving children: Anthony Matthews, born July 2, 1960 (passed October 15, 1998); Lawrence Matthews, born February 3, 1963; and Angela Matthews (Parham), born November 14, 1964.

Alease life was always centered around family and caring for them. She was

devoted to raising her children, as it is expected of every mother. Loving and caring for them was something she enjoyed. Family time meant everything: we played together, worshiped together, attended sports games and family functions. Practically anything was acceptable as long as the family was together. On display at home are several trophies won by them performing excellent in any sport they decided to be involved in. She was proud of each child. Anthony (Tony), as we called him, graduated from Armstrong High School, Lawrence (Boo Boo), graduated from Armstrong High School, and Angela (Angie) graduated from Huguenot High School and Averett University; BBA, MBA.

Because Alease was the only child to graduate and attended college, she felt that the promise she made to her mother (Susie Morton) was fulfilled. Alease have always stressed education to her family and was so proud when Tony attended J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Boo Boo enlisted in the Armed Forces (Army) and the Army Reserve.

Then life started to change for better. Alease was then blessed with her first and loving granddaughter On December 4, 1981, Tanisha Latrice Matthews, Angie's daughter. On August 17, 1993, Corey Lamont Matthews, first grandson, Boo Boo's son and on December 3, 1995 Tonika Shackelford, her second granddaughter, which is Tony's daughter. These are proud moments and Alease was feeling abundantly blessed to have grandchildren from each of her 3 children. All three grands were well educated and talented in their own way. It's so much to say about Angie and Boo Boo because they are well rounded and intelligent.

Tanisha, the oldest grand has made so many accomplishments during her years as a Star Basketball and softball player. She was a member of the band and she played several musical instruments at Armstrong High School. She

also joined the marching band where she attended Virginia Union University for two years. She continued her education by taking courses at J. Sargeant Reynolds and she is currently attending VCU to pursue her degree in Exercise Science to teach Physical Education. Her grand-daughter made her so proud and she was touched by her skills in Art and music. Tanisha's art work was on display at the Richmond City Hall.

Corey really loves sports and someday Alease expects that he may be a baseball player or a football star but later on she realized Corey had a passion for caring for the elderly and photography. She believes Tonika will be a mamma's baby and a passionate educator, after the loss of her father (Tony). Losing Tony was a tragedy and it was hard to overcome but Alease was a strong woman. Tough does not even describe how this woman was built. We never knew how she dealt with the pain and grief she endured throughout her lifetime. All we know is that she pulled through many circumstances like Super Woman. After losing her sister (Daisy Whitehead) from their family of 10 children. Alease stood firm on the relationship that she had built with her closes friends and family members.

September 1975, she joined the Randolph Memorial Choir, singing Alto and Tenor. Alease really loved singing both and her heart was filled with joy any time she heard the love of Gospel Music.

After joining Bethlehem Baptist Church with Angela March 1975, her relationship with Gail Randolph (best friend/daughter), Geraldine (Lean) Hunt Crowell (Best Friend/family) passed, and Ms. Sarah Webb, (like family) passed. The closeness of their relationship created this famous name *THE GOLDEN GIRLS* and life was like a whirling rollercoaster of fun and discipline by building a village where everyone would care for each other's children. Family ties is how she would describe it because they all shared soo many good times that doesn't even exist anymore in our new world today.

Even though people change sometimes, Gail has never changed and have always gone over and beyond the call of duty any best friend could have asked for or wanted. She set the bar high because that's the type of woman, mother, and wife Gail is. Alease even adopted Gail's husband Leroy as her other son. She also adopted her sister's children as well after the passing of Aunt Hattie Mae. Aunt Hattie Mae's children stole her heart from those early years when she was young and living with her sister Hattie.

Alease gave unconditional love to everyone she knew, especially her nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, her manager Ms. Mary Lois Mitchum (City of Richmond - Goodwill) and many young friends of her children who until this day visits her and respects her, considering her age. And that was a wonderful feeling to her.

Alease said "These are her words put on paper as requested by her daughter Angela since September 26, 2004. These are the memories Ms. Alease wanted to share and if you think she's speaking more about her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends, then you are right." They are her life!!!!

During her last few months of battling cancer, Alease had the experience of meeting her new great-granddaughter name Phoenix C. Matthews and seeing the changes behind Black Lives Matter!!!!

May God bless everyone who takes the time to read this!

LOVE YOU All,
From Alease

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JUL **11**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Alease Matthews Crockett, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - July 09, 2020 at 09:42 AM

VM

What a lovely home going service REST IN PEACE MS.ALESE SENDING PRAYERS TO THE REST OF THE FAMILY

VERNA MATTHEWS - July 11, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Alease Matthews Crockett*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

TW

“ *Mrs. Alease you were an angel on this earth and now in heaven. You will truly be missed. Thank you for your love throughout the years. Kiss my family and please tell my Momma I love and miss her. RIP ANGEL*

Tracey Webb - July 12, 2020 at 03:21 PM

CW

“ To the Family of Alease Matthew Crockett,

I offer my sincere sympathy!

Pastor Carolyn Redd Winston, M Div

Carolyn Winston - July 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

FY

“ To the family of Alease Matthew Crockett,

Please accept my sincere sympathy to you on the loss of your loved one. Know that " the LORD is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; he protects those who take refuge in him,"(Nahum 1:7, NRSV).

i worked with Alease at the City of Richmond, 1979-1981.

Sincerely,

Francine P. Young, M.Div, MBA.

Francine Young - July 11, 2020 at 01:52 PM

FY

“ *Francine Young lit a candle in memory of Alease Matthews Crockett*



Francine Young - July 11, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MM

“ *Mary Lois Mitchum lit a candle in memory of Alease Matthews Crockett*



Mary Lois Mitchum - July 11, 2020 at 01:24 PM

WF

“ *Waller & Adams Family lit a candle in memory of Alease Matthews Crockett*



Waller & Adams Family - July 11, 2020 at 10:12 AM

SL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Angie, Boo Boo and Tanisha. Aunt Alease was a special soul. May you find comfort in the memories and joy she brought to us all. Love you, Seneca Lofton and Family*



Seneca Lofton - July 10, 2020 at 05:34 PM

CD

“ *May God comfort you and give you peace during this time of grief. Our prayers and condolences to the family of Alease Crockett.*

*Deacon Carolyn Demery, Chairman
Board of Deacons
Bethlehem Baptist Church*

Carolyn Demery - July 10, 2020 at 11:31 AM

TA

“ *Sending my condolences to you and your family during this time Angie. I am praying that you and your family are comforted during this time.*

Tammy - July 10, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - July 07, 2020 at 06:11 PM