



Annie L. May

May 25, 1915 - January 8, 2018

Annie L. May, daughter of the late Charlie Artis and Lucille Gorham Artis was born

May 25, 1915 in Falkland, NC. On January 8, 2018, peacefully and quietly with family

members at her side, she transitioned from her earthly home to her heavenly home.

She received her early Christian training and her early childhood education at St. John

Missionary Baptist Church in Falkland, NC. Her secondary education was received in

Farmville, NC public schools. She married the late James A. May in 1935 and was blessed

with two children all whom preceded her in death.

Annie was affectionately called "Mama Mae" or "Grammy Mae" by her family and

many other adults and children. "Mama Mae" knew the importance of work both in the

household and from her experience of having been reared on a farm. The family relocated

to Baltimore, MD in the early Forties during World War II, and she immediately found

employment at the "World Famous Lexington Market". She worked there

several years before accepting employment with the Baltimore City Public School System, first as a part time employee and later full time. She worked for the school system until she retired in 1970.

Living in the Harlem Park area, she soon found a church on Stockton Street called Gillis

Memorial. She joined under the pastorate of the late Rev. Theodore Jackson Sr. It was

at a time when the church was experiencing financial woes and was plagued with other

problems. "Mama Mae" was determined to do her part and to serve whenever she was

needed. Although she was an usher, her duties were not limited to that one ministry.

No job was beneath her; this can be attested by her picking up coals on Saturday

mornings by the railroad tracks to heat the church for Sunday morning service, and

then standing outside handing out fliers of upcoming church events. She holds precious

memories of Gillis on Stockton, Calhoun and Mulberry Streets where she obtained her

spiritual foundation. She was grateful for her Christian faith, knowledge, and personal

relationship with Christ. Her favorite scriptures are Psalm 27 and Psalm 45. She had no

problem acknowledging the fact that Jesus Christ is and has been and will continue to

be the source of strength in her life. Her commitment to her church was

unwavering as
evidenced by more than sixty years of service.
Currently, "Mother Mae" is Mother of the Usher Board. Her message to the
younger
generation 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own
understanding, in all
your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path.' Proverbs 3:5-6
She leaves to cherish her memory: her brother, Charles D. Artis; one aunt,
Sadie Randolph;
two grandsons, Freddie May and Rodney Lanners; three nieces, Beatrice,
Celeste, and Sue
Mae Reid; several great-nieces and -nephews; godson, Glen Frazier and
special cousins,
Cora White and Harvey Taylor who served faithfully as caregiver; along with
many other
cousins and relatives.

Cemetery Details

Crestlawn Cemetery

2150 Mount View Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

JAN 15. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gillis Memorial C.C. Church
4016 Park Heights Ave.

Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Annie L. May*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *With a heavy heart, I extend my condolence to the family...
God has opened all the gates of heaven to receive one of His most precious angles*



Sister Eliza Banks - January 12, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ *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.*

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