



Virginia Mae Matthews

July 26, 1939 - September 21, 2016

Our beloved Virginia Mae Matthews, 77, was called home on passed away Wednesday, September 21, 2016. She was born in Richmond, Virginia on July 26, 1939 to the late James and Olivia Williams. She was preceded in death by her son, Ronald Hawkins and daughters-in-law, Beverly Hawkins; two brothers, William McFarlan "Bill" and James Edward Williams along with her husbands, Clyde E. Hawkins and Clarence Matthews.

Virginia accepted Christ at a very young age. She was baptized at Grace Baptist Church. As a pre-teen she played the piano, and sang in the youth choir. She joined Saint Paul Baptist Church in 1987. She sang with the Chansella Choir, was a member of the Greeters, Hospitality, and the Refiners Bible Study Ministries.

Virginia Williams was united in holy matrimony with the Clyde E. Hawkins on April 4, 1955 in the west end of Richmond Virginia. Their union was blessed with four children. While in a relationship with Levell Pooler she gave birth to another child in 1969. She married Clarence "Bobby" Matthews, August 4, 1984.

At a young age she was employed with Richmond Social Services. While working there in 1969 she was selected with others staff to be on a committee in Washington DC, to discuss the Food Stamp process for lower income

families. The committee consisted of members from the Senate and House of Representatives. She worked at Janie Porter Barrett School for Girls for several years. Virginia retired from Richmond Public Schools system after twenty-seven years of dedicated service as an Assistant Teacher.

Virginia was involved in the Civil Rights Movement. She participated in sit-ins, Freedom rides, and marches. She enjoyed helping others to exercise their voting rights through Voters Registration. She was a member of the NAACP, Council of Negro Inc., Voters Registration and Neighborhood Watch.

Virginia enjoyed traveling, dancing, reading, arts and crafts, and spending time with her family and friends. She was a devoted mother and grandmother; a loving and giving person of faith. Virginia cared deeply for her family, friends and all of her loved ones. She was the light of her family and was a true reflection of God's love. Virginia was always willing to listen, encourage, and help others in need.

She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted daughter, Tania A. Abayomi (Khari); three loving sons, Clyde Hawkins (Beverly), Lorenzo Hawkins (Denise) and Don Hawkins (Lteesha); seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; a very devoted friend, Levell Pooler and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph St.
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 27. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

SEP 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Mae Matthews*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Keith Smith lit a candle in memory of Virginia Mae Matthews*



Keith Smith - October 03, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ *I'm sadden to hear of the passing of such a wonderful spirit filled Christian. Ms. Matthews always had a smile even in her pain and lifted my spirits on more than one occasion. She talked about her family with love and admiration. I will miss her but I know God has called home one of the best. I wish peace and blessings to her family.*

*Deacon Keith Smith
Saint Paul's Baptist Church.*

Keith Smith - October 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Debbie Russell purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Virginia Mae Matthews.*



Debbie Russell - September 26, 2016 at 04:17 PM

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“ *My heartfelt condolence to the family. May the MOST HIGH GOD comfort and sustain you during this difficult time. Psalms 55:22*

T. Parker - September 26, 2016 at 10:58 AM

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“ *To the family & friends of Virginia Matthews,*

We at Mount Calvary Cemetery wish to express our deepest sympathies for the loss of your loved one and we pray that God will help to ease your pain in the days to come. We are proud and honored to be chosen as the final resting place for Virginia. This is a responsibility that we do not take lightly and we pledge the highest level of perpetual care to honor her memory. Please do not hesitate to call us with any concerns or if there is anything we can do to make these difficult experiences any easier.

*Jim Glass
General Mgr.
Mount Calvary Cemetery
804-355-5271*

Mount Calvary Cemetery - September 26, 2016 at 09:50 AM

BA

“ *With my deepest condolences to the family of Virginia Matthews. May the Almighty, the God of tender mercies, and of all comfort, who comforts us in all our trials, (2Cor. 1:3,4) comfort you and your family in this time of need.*

Barnes - September 24, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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Our heartfelt condolences to The Matthews family

linn family - September 25, 2016 at 02:47 PM

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“ *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 - September 23, 2016 at 11:30 PM