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AS I SIT IN HEAVEN

As I sit in heaven and watch you everyday,
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away.
I hear you when you're laughing
And watch you as you sleep.
I even place my arms around you
As you begin to weep.
I see you wish the day away
Begging to have me home.
So, I try to send you signs
So, you know you are not alone.
Don't feel guilty that you have life
That was denied to me.
Heaven is truly beautiful.
Just you wait and see.
So, live your life, laugh again,
Enjoy yourself. Be free.
Then I know with every breath you take;
You'll be taking one for me.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Mrs. Mattie Carter Lawson wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to the many friends, family and love ones who shared words of comfort during our time of bereavement.

God bless each of you.

~~ The Family ~~

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A Service of Rememberance



ALPHA
MARCH 14, 1953

OMEGA
MARCH 21, 2020

Mrs. Mattie Carter Lawson

Service

Friday, March 27, 2020
2:00 PM

Fairview African Methodist Episcopal Church
Joanna, South Carolina

Reverend Anthony Dunlap, *Pastor*

Obituary

Mrs. Mattie Carter Lawson was born in Laurens County, South Carolina to Ola H. Carter and Grady Lee Carter of Clinton, South Carolina on March 14, 1953. Her biological father was the late Albert "Bug" Anderson.

She was a retiree of Whitten Center in Clinton, South Carolina and was a faithful member of Fairview African Methodist Episcopal Church, also located in Clinton. She spent countless hours as a trustee for the church working as an usher, singing on the choir, working in the kitchen cooking and serving meals, and working with the Young People's Division, also known as the YPD.

Mattie was dedicated to family and friends willing to lend a hand to whomever she could. She gained custody and spent her remaining days caring for, educating, feeding, clothing, and providing shelter for four of her nieces and nephews; sixteen year old Olandria Kemiya Payne, fourteen year old Omarion Kwelie Carter, twelve year old Iniya La'Faith Dowdy, and ten year old Savarion Malik Carter.

She was preceded in death, in addition to her biological father, by a sister, Peggy Ann Carter; and two brothers, James Edward Carter and Grady Smith.

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, at the age of sixty-seven, Mrs. Mattie Carter Lawson departed this life and joined her Heavenly Father at her home at 166 Crawford Drive in Clinton, South Carolina.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her husband of twenty-two years, James William Lawson; one son Chauncey Edward Payne Jr.; two grandchildren, Breanna Jimmyka Anderson and Zakeriyya-Zakiya NaShiara-Na'Shawn Newman; one great grandchild, Skyliah Camille O'Shun Anderson; four brothers, Johnnie C. Carter, Grady Lee Carter, Albert Simpson, and Albert Anderson Jr.; two sisters, Brenda Jean Wilson and Stella Mae Anderson; two brothers-in-law, Hugh (Phyllis) Lawson and Reverend Tommy (Connie) Lawson; three sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Lawson, Azalee (Ulysses) Huffin, and Dorothy (Willie) Gladney; and a host of nieces, nephews, and caring friends all of whom will miss her dearly.

John 14: 1-3

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



Order of Service

REVEREND ANTHONY DUNLAP, *PRESIDING*

- Prelude
- Processional *Soft Music* Clergy and Family
- Final Viewing Family and Friends
- Opening Selection Sandretha Harris
- Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament Reverend Tommy Lawson, *Metropolitan Baptist Church*
 - New Testament Reverend Tommy Lawson
- Prayer Reverend John Booker
- Acknowledgements Funeral Home Staff
- Solo Reverend John Booker
- Words of Comfort Reverend John Booker
- Closing Prayer Reverend Anthony Dunlap
- Recessional
- Committal Service
 - Prayer, Committal, and Benediction Graveside

Interment

Fairview African Methodist Church Cemetery
Joanna, South Carolina



MY DEAREST MATTIE

*My wife, my companion, the love of my life
 Has gone on to heaven, she took that great flight.
 God blessed me with her, when we were both young,
 We were so full of life, alive and high- strung.
 We saw plenty of sunshine; we went through much rain
 Good times and bad times, laughter and pain.
 Sometimes we laughed and sometimes we cried,
 But whatever we went through, we stayed by each other's side.
 She always loved me; there was no doubt in my mind
 Caring and compassionate, she was one of a kind.
 She took a part of me with her, but her love she left me to keep.
 We will never really be parted, the bond we had was so deep.
 Now she has no more pain, some days were pretty rough
 And though she endured the suffering, she stayed faithful and tough.
 For now, she is safe in the presence, of our Savior and our Lord,
 Her battle is finally over, her body has been restored.
 I will see her again; I'll be with her someday
 Because my Jesus, my Lord, my Savior has already provided the way.
 Until then I thank you, dearest Mattie, for all you've meant to my life,
 I'm so grateful God made us a family,
 and for the blessing of you being my wife.*

MRS
MATTIE
CARTER
LAWSON