

- *Back Over Your Life* -

“Have you ever looked back over your life and think about how good God has been to you? Jesus, you’ve been my Mother and Lord you’ve been my Father too. Out of all the troubles and trials I’ve had in my life, without you Lord, I don’t know what I would do. That’s why I got my hand in the winding chain, oh every day of my life I trusted in your name. You’ve been so good to me.

Something got a hold of me. Oh yes it did! Something got a hold of me. Let me tell you I went to a meeting one night and my heart wasn’t right. Then something got a hold of me.

There’s a brighter day ahead, for Jesus has said, If by Him, we will be lead. There’ll be a brighter day ahead.

There’s a dream that I dreamed, Of my heavenly, heavenly home. And I know that I’m going there one day. And oh Lord, it may be morning, night or noon. I don’t know just how soon. That’s why I’m sending up my timber every, every, every day.

He’s an on-time God, yes, He is. Job said he may not come when you want him, but he’ll be there right on time. He’s an on-time God, Yes, he is.

Don’t let the devil ride. Don’t let the devil ride. If you let him ride, he’ll want to drive. Don’t let him ride. Don’t let him drive your car. Oh, my don’t let him drive your car. If he drives your car, he’ll take you too far, don’t let him drive.

I’m gonna keep on serving God because he has been so good to me. He promised to love me when I’m right. He promised to love me when I’m wrong, I’m gonna keep on serving God because he has been so good to me.

I know Jesus will provide. He will provide. I know Jesus will provide. He will provide. He’ll be your shelter. He will be your guide. Oh Jesus... Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus will provide.

Give me a heart that knows no ill. Give me the grace to do thy will. Pardon and cleanse this ole soul of mine, Lord, give me a heart like thine. Come to my soul precious Jesus. Hear me, Oh Savior Divine. Open the fountains and cleanse me. Lord, give me a heart like thine.”

- *Pallbearers* -  
Nephews

- *Flower Bearers* -  
Family and Friends

- *Acknowledgment* -

The family of the late Mrs. Mattie Mae Tolbert acknowledges with grateful appreciation all acts of kindness, prayers, cards, telephone calls, flowers and words of comfort extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless you all.

- *In Memoriam* -

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A WONDERFUL  
MOTHER AND SISTER

*Mattie Mae Tolbert*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021  
11:00 A.M.

**MOUNT MORIAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
CEMETERY**

2255 Wrights Mill Road  
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# - The Obituary -

Mattie took her final earthly breath on Friday, February 19, 2021, with a smile at the Arbor Springs Health and Rehab Facility in Opelika, Alabama.

Mattie, born, August 9, 1931 with the registered name of A'nana Mae Tolbert, to the late Clime and Carrie Tolbert. Being the baby of the ten children, she was preceded in death by her father, Clime; her mother, Carrie; her six brothers, George, Sr. "BuddyMan", James C. "Snake", Clyde "Sam", Joe, Sr. "Shug", James "Big Boy" and Eugene "Lil Boy"; three sisters, Annie "Annie Lee", Sallie "Money" and Florence "Dulle".

As a young girl, Mattie changed her name and joined the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church. When her dad and her eldest sister purchased the property on what is now called Shell Toomer Parkway, she along with the other family members moved their membership to Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church and remained until her health made it difficult for her to attend.

Mattie served in several areas at Mt. Moriah and the most pleasing area was the Choir. Mattie spent fifty years as the Senior Choir Secretary. She taught herself how to play the piano. Her father and oldest sister, Annie bought her a piano that she had for many decades.

When she wasn't singing, she was working, always doing something. Mattie loved to fish and plant flowers. I almost believed at one time she could make an artificial plant grow. Her favorite flower was the gardenia.

Mattie has touched so many hearts from long ago to the present. When Mattie obeyed her Heavenly Father and took His hand on Friday morning, February 19, 2021, she showed the world that no one could prepare a place for her, rather, God let her speak in her own spiritual way, I will see these special people again. I no longer will have to take any more medicine. My heavenly vitals are all good now. Even though I was fed honey and pink lemonade here on earth, I can now feast on milk and honey and shout, "My troubles are now over".

She leaves to cherish and carry her legacy of love: two daughters, U.S. Air Force NCO Retired Connie Tolbert-McClinton and Melessa (Dennis -S-I-L) James; her only grandson, Jamaal "Jam" McClinton; three great grandchildren, Lathan, Azariah and Simone; a sister-in-law, Willie Lois Tolbert; a niece that stayed with her many times, Mildred "Ginny" Tolbert; her next oldest cousin for the Tolbert Brothers Legacy, Cary Tolbert, Jr.; her singing harmony partners, Dorothy "Doll" Conway and Ethel Perry who helped her in more ways than one; the Lowry Families, Margaret, Jimbo and Mac; the Butz and Dumas Families, Joann, Ron and Shellie Haaland, Cecil and Cissy Yarbrough; the Copeland Family, Jackie, Judy and Mamie Lummus; the United States of America Track & Field Federation; the United States of America Track & Field Alabama Association; the BACO/BAAA (Bahamas) Track Association; the Auburn High School Basketball & Track Club during the years her grandson competed; Coach Kamal Harris & Coach Frank Tolbert; the SIAC HBCU Athletic Conference for Cross Country/Track & Field; Robin Brown; Lori Boember; Morris Baker; Dr. Al Davis; all of her nieces and nephews and their legacy; all of her cousins and their legacy; the Mount Moriah Baptist Church Family; the entire staff and residents of Arbor Springs Health and Rehab Facility & Southern Care Hospice Team.

*I may not be here for you to hear my words but in spirit,  
I will always be with you.*



# - The Order of Service -

SCRIPTURES  
Old Testament  
New Testament

PRAYER

MUSICAL SELECTION

OBITUARY  
Read Silently

WORDS OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION