

Pallbearers
Friends of the Family

Flower Bearers
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In Tribute
"In Our Hearts"

*We thought of you with love today,
But that was nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that, too.
We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

The Family



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The Sister, Nieces and Nephews invite you to share in

Home-Going Services
for

Mrs. Matilda Moore Gaines

Sunrise
March 13, 1915

Sunset
July 18, 2007



Sunday, July 22, 2007
2:00 p.m.

Laurel Hill A.M.E. Church
Davis Station, South Carolina

Reverend Ronnie Brown, Pastor Officiating

Obituary

MATILDA MOORE GAINES was the first of two daughters, born in Moncks Corner, South Carolina to the late J. Cleveland Moore and Janie Johnson Moore Cain. Her father, a native of the West Indies, died when she and her sister, Clementine, were infants, so the family returned to her mother's home in Davis Station where they lived with their grandfather, Robert, "Bob" Johnson and his wife Anna Eliza Johnson. When her mother married Thomas Cain, she and her sister became a part of the Cain family where they were blessed with five additional siblings: Juanita, Thomas, Robert, Gwendolyn (Queen) and Shirley.

Aunt Matilda was academically gifted, so her mother sent her to school in Marion, South Carolina, where she graduated Valedictorian of her class. She then attended Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina. Later, moving to Baltimore, Maryland, she met and married Robert Gaines. Falling into ill health as a young woman, she returned to Clarendon County where she lived until her death.

As a teenager, Aunt Matilda joined the Laurel Hill AME Church and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. Her entire life was lived in a manner that was evident of her faith. She never met a person she did not like, and it would have been difficult for anyone that knew her to find fault in anything she did. She was a humble and precious soul.

Aunt Matilda had no biological children, but she accepted and treated all of her nieces and nephews as her own. Two of her nephews, John Ragin and Odell Cain, were extremely special to her. She thought of Dell as her own son. She stayed busy, always scurrying around trying to get something done. As she grew older, she became more dependent on her family, spending many years living with her niece, Joyce Cain, and then with her sister, Juanita Nelson. In her final years, she resided at the Lake Marion Nursing Home, Summerton, where the staff fell in love with her, many of them treating her as family.

She is survived by: her only sister - Juanita Nelson; nieces and nephews - Elma Rolle, Gloria Ragin, Shirley Levy, Ira Ragin, Samuel Nelson, Jr., Loretta McDonald, Russell Nelson, Janie Gibson, Sylvia Polly Davis, Cathy Geary, Alexander Cain, Odell Cain, Phillip Cain, Barbara Morant, Mildred Whack, John Whack, Hattie Cain, James Cain, other family and many friends.

Order of Service

Reverend Ronnie Brown Officiating

Processional Minister, Family and Friends
Hymn No. 325 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Hymn No. 333..... "Precious Lord"

Prayer

Scripture Reading
Old Testament Psalm 27
New Testament Mark 16:15-20

A Medley of Songs Congregation & Choir
(one verse of each hymn) No. 450 "Blessed Assurance"
No. 487 "He'll Understand"
No. 381 "There's Not a Friend"
No. 196 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Remarks Limited to TWO Minutes Please

Acknowledgments

Hymn No. 448..... "It Is Well With My Soul"

Words of Comfort Rev. Ronnie Brown

The Lord's Prayer

Recessional Hymn No. 511 "When We All Get to Heaven"

COMMITTAL AND BENEDICTION

INTERMENT

Ivy Community Cemetery
Davis Station, South Carolina

Acknowledgments

The family of the late Mrs. Matilda Moore Gaines wishes to express deepest gratitude and thanks for all acts of kindness shown during their hours of sorrow. Your many thoughtful acts of love have been greatly appreciated.