

In Loving Memory
Of



Rebecca Holden
Matthews O'Neal

January 4, 1921 - October 13, 2010

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
6:00 p.m.



Living Word International Church

5100 Wyoming Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37209
Bishop George Adebajo, Pastor

Obituary

Rebecca Holden Matthews O'Neal passed away on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at Alive Hospice after an extended illness. She was born on January 4, 1921 in Athens Alabama to Bev and Hattie Holden. The third of twelve children, she attended public schools in Athens.

She professed her love for Christ at an early age and never ceased to tell her story of deliverance. She was married at an early age to Clarence Matthews and to this union four children were born.

Mother O'Neal was a faithful member of Olivet Baptist Church where she served on the Jr. Usher Board. She later was affiliated with Original Church of God and for the last thirty years was a faithful member of Living Word International Church, where she was a Mother of the church. She was also a mentor to young people and a trusted servant of the congregation. She invested her time in counseling, support of the pastor and special church programs.

Mother O'Neal was a lifelong learner. She received nurse's training and was employed for several years as a nurse at Vanderbilt University Student Health Center where she retired. She was an avid student of the Bible and a graduate of the charter class from Faith Is the Victory Bible Training College under Pastor Charles Cowan.

Mother O'Neal spent over thirty years with her devoted husband, Leonard O'Neal. They spent their lives helping the elderly, volunteering at Bethlehem Centers of Nashville, Grace M. Eaton Child Care and Parent Resource Center and church work. She was known for giving a helping hand to family and friends in need.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard, and her son, Rev. Clarence A. Matthews, Jr.

She is survived by daughters, Lou M. Beasley, Ph.D., Rev. Joyce M. Hyde (James) and Raven Matthews Goldberg, J.D.; step-daughter, Gladennia Franklin (Winston); daughter-in-law, Rev. Shirley Matthews; grandchildren, Judge Cheri Beasley (Curtis Owens), Candace Hyde Amadasun (Rolly), Teri Matthews, Christopher Matthews-Tyree, Dwight Langhum (Cheryl), Samuel Langhum, Lamont, Shauntreece and Winston Franklin, Jr.; sisters, Mary Harris, Catherine Gooch, Marie Patton and Martha Owens; sister in law, Ruth Harwell; cherished great-grandchildren, Jamie-Alexis, Joy-Alyce and Rolly Amadasun, Thomas and Matthew Owens, Jared Smith, Josiah Frederick; five step great-grandchildren, Andunette, Mandela and Indira Langhum, Nyshika and Autumn Langhum; devoted nephews, George Johnson (Minnie), John H. Clemmons (Pauline); "godchildren", Lizzie Smith, Moren Adenubi, Richard Jefferson (Mattie); a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Special thanks to Mother O'Neal's faithful friends, Mother Edna Corder, Mother Cane, Daniel Ewing, Ivan Pye, Dorothy Connell, Valerie Wilson and Mrs. Annie Mae Wright; Schrader Acres Assisted Living Director Melvin Corlew and staff members, Lora Davis, Tameka Gosey, Reba Roland, and Dee Dee Hale.

A Celebration of Life

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Celebration Leader.....Rev. Karl Houston
Youth Pastor and Associate, Cedar Grove M.B. Church

Prayers & Scripture-*Psalm 23*.....Rev. Michael Joyner
Pastor, Greater Faith M.B. Church

SelectionCedar Grove M.B Church Choir
Hallelujah, Salvation & Glory

Words of Inspiration.....Sister Deborah Barksdale
*Representing the Senior Program, Grace M Eaton Family Care
And Parent Resource Center*

Mr. Marvin Corlew
Director of Schrader Acres Assisted Living

Audio Presentation.....Rev. Lester Cousin
Calvary Baptist Church, White Plains, NY

SelectionsCedar Grove M.B Church Choir
"Cooling Waters" and "They Got The Word"



Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,

I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done,

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,

Of happy memories that I leave, when life for me is done.

Precious Memories



Pallbearers

Nephews and Deacons of Living Word International Church

Flowerbearers

Nieces and Ushers of Living Word International Church

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to thank all families, friends, and members of Cedar Grove M.B. Church, Berean Baptist Church and especially Living Word International Church. We are grateful for the prayers, calls, cards, food, flowers and other thoughtful expressions during Mother O'Neal's extended illness and home going.

The Family

Professional Services By Smith Brothers Funeral Directors

**706 Monroe Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208
(615) 726-1476 office
Melvin J. Smith, Funeral Director**

**Mikes Printing & Curtis Typesetting & Graphics
(615) 708-5283**

Home Going Order of Service

7:00 p.m.

Bishop George Adebajo, Officiant

Processional

Congregational Hymn.....Living Word & Cedar Grove Choir
"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"

Prayer

Scripture...*Old Testament, Psalm 103*.....Minister Bryant
New Testament, II Corinthians 5:1-10 Rev. Barbara Clemmons, *Cousin*

Solo.....Sister Angela Boyd

Acknowledgements

Solo.....Sister Donna Tucker, *niece*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Words of Comfort.....Rev., Dr. Robert E. Stout
Pastor, Berean Baptist Church

Rev. V.B. Smith
Pastor, Cedar Grove M.B. Church

Solo...*"I Trust In God"*.....Brother James L. Hyde
"Son-In-Law"

Family Tribute.....Dr. Lou M. Beasley, *daughter*

Eulogy.....Bishop George Adebajo

Congregational Hymn....."I'll Fly Away"

Benediction

Recessional

Repass Immediately Following Service

Interment

Greenwood Main Cemetery
Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.