

*Thy Good
and Faithful*
SERVANT.

Acknowledgements

THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE MANY EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE, PRAYERS, ACTS OF KINDNESS, GIFTS/DONATIONS, CALLS, MESSAGES, AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT SHOWN TO US DURING THIS TIME.

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NOVEMBER 13, 1946

Departure
DECEMBER 17TH, 2024



TRUSTEE *Martha* LIFE STORY

Martha J. Halls, LOVINGLY known as “Lil Jane”, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend to all.. Was called home to be with the LORD on Tuesday, December 17th, 2024 surrounded by her loved ones.

Martha J. Halls was born in Eutawville, SC on November 13, 1946, to the late Benjamin Mitchum Sr. and the late Martha Halls High. As a little girl she was raised by the late Rev. Paul Saul Gathers and the late Eliza Hall-Gathers also known as “Mama DeeDee”. She was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg County graduating in the class of 1965 from Roberts High.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized at Silas United Methodist Church, by the late Rev. Nelson.

Upon graduation, she moved to NYC where she established her spiritual ties with Hickory Hill Missionary Baptist church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Frank S. Simmons, where she rose to the ranks of the Senior Choir and Senior Usher Board.

She instantly began working as soon as she arrived in NYC at the YMCA as a caregiver and cook with a family friend, Henrietta Lawrence. She later joined New York Telephone as a customer service sales representative with the help of her cousin, Jerome Brown, quickly moving up the ranks to a Presidents Club Representative as the company changed names to Nynex, Bell Atlantic, AT&T, and finally Verizon. While employed in this elite club, she had the opportunity to travel the world with colleagues meeting key influencers/celebrities such as the late James Earl Jones and Samuel Jackson and also establishing other friendships that endured time. She was celebrated for 44 years of service as she retired on June 19th, 2010.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters.

There are many left to mourn the wonderful legacy of Martha this includes her children: Adell Halls-David (Toms River, NJ), Antoine R. Patterson (Milford, CT), and Dion L. Patterson, Ed.D. (Scotch Plains, NJ), her grandchildren: Terra Byrd, Marisa Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Nasiere Burnette, Jakhii Burnette, & Madison Patterson, her great-grandchild: May'Lani Audrey Varona Burnette, her siblings: Robert (Dorothy) Hall, Iris Townes, Charlotte Robinson, Mabel Williams, Harold (Jennifer) Mitchum, Bobby (Minnie) Gathers, Eunice (Willard) Jordan, & Mazie (Melvin) Benjamin, her brother-in-laws: Clarence Mays & Nathaniel Robinson, her sister-in-laws: Janie Hall & Louise Mitchum, her church family: Emmanuel Church for all People, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close relatives, and family friends.

Order OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024 | 11:00 AM
GOOD NEIGHBOR BAPTIST CHURCH
100 CHANCELLOR AVE., NEWARK, NJ

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PRAYER OF COMFORT

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

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