

23rd Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD forever.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, prayers, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

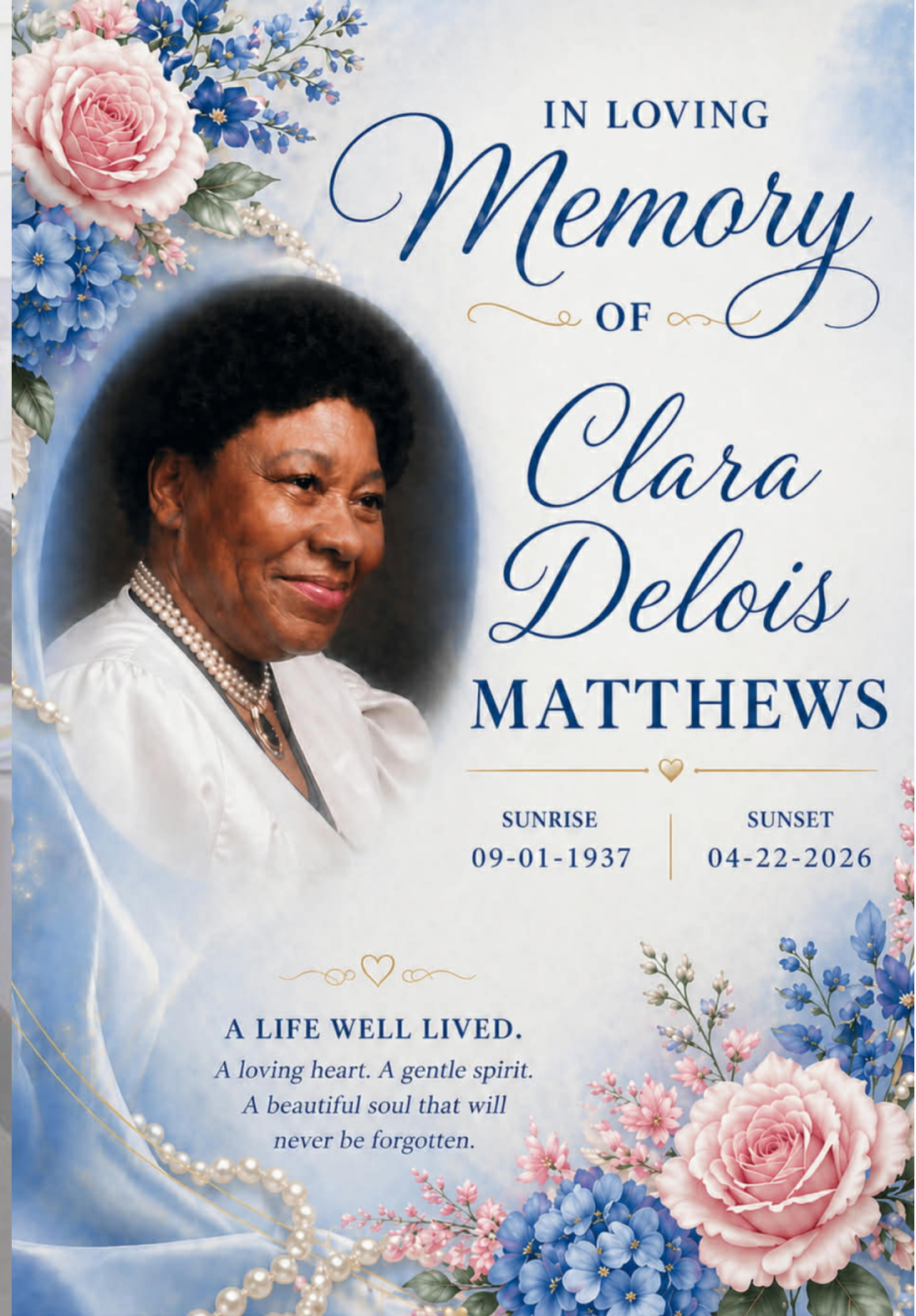
- The family of Clara Delois Matthews



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OF

*Clara
Delois*
MATTHEWS

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04-22-2026

A LIFE WELL LIVED.

A loving heart. A gentle spirit.

*A beautiful soul that will
never be forgotten.*

BELOVED MOTHER • GRANDMOTHER • SISTER • FRIEND

Obituary

Ms. Clara D. Matthews was born on September 1, 1937, in Hope Hull, Alabama, to the late Cornelius Matthews and Clara Mae Matthews. At an early age, Clara confessed Christ as her Lord and Savior and united with Big Zion Church, where she served faithfully.

In later years, Clara moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to care for her aunt. During her journey, she attended several churches before joining Zion Temple Church under Pastor Johnson. There, she served diligently as an usher every Sunday and lovingly worked as a Mother of the Kitchen. Clara's service was not just a duty—it was her ministry, and she carried it out with grace, humility, and joy.

Clara was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She loved her family deeply and unconditionally. She worked at Children's Hospital for 25 years before retiring, and even in retirement, she remained active, spending cherished time with her family and friends. Because she was never one to sit still, she later worked at Speedway for five additional years, touching even more lives with her kindness and warm spirit.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Clara Mae Matthews, and two children, Terry Matthews and Gail Matthews.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory five devoted daughters: Barbara Haurert (Mark Haurert), Jennifer Russell (Percy Dubose), Gloria Matthews (Richard Gentry), Wanda F. Matthews, and Stachel Matthews; and two loving sons, Tracey Matthews (Tracy Matthews) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Conrad Sharpe of Montgomery, Alabama.

She is also remembered by one faithful nephew, Harrison Matthews (Cora Matthews); four beloved sisters, Inell M. Perkins, Zelma Patterson, Estelle Upshaw, and Nora Lee, all of Montgomery, Alabama; along with Pettus of Chicago, Illinois; and her brother, Ben Matthews. Clara was blessed with God-sisters Paula Rease Cole and Darlene Cole.

She also leaves a beautiful legacy of grandchildren—Rico, Ronald, Brian, Gerald, Kendra, Tracey Jr., Terry, Raymond, and Todd—as well as ten great-grandchildren, with two preceding her in death.

She also leaves behind three godsons, Reginal Cole, J.W. Cole, and Mike Williams; two goddaughters, Annette Williams and Tammie Govan; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who loved her dearly.

Clara lived a life of service, love, and unwavering faith. Her legacy will continue to shine through the many lives she touched.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	.....
Parting View	..... Immediate Family
Prayer	..... Bishop Kervin Whitson
Scripture	..... Bishop Kervin Whitson Pslam 23
Selection	..... Teresa Teri
Poem	..... Tracy Matthews
Remarks	..... 2 Minutes Please
Obituary	..... Read Silently
Selection	..... Teresa Teri
Eulogy	..... Bishop Kervin Whitson
Benediction	..... Bishop Kervin Whitson
Recessional	..... Clergy, Family & Friends



Pallbearers

Tracey Matthews	Rico Matthews
Ronald Matthews	Brian Matthews
Gerald Matthews	Daryl Sanders

Final Resting Place

Spring Grove Cemetery
4521 Spring Grove Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232

Repast

Bethel Baptist Church - Walnut Hills
2712 Alms Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206