

*Celebration of Life
for our Beloved*



Lois Veola Matthews

Sunrise: September 13, 1930

Sunset: February 23, 2023

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Family Hour 10:30 AM • Celebration of Life 11:00 AM

In the Sanctuary of

**Shiloh Christian Community Church
825 Yale Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21229**

Reverend Sandra A. Scott, *Officiating*

Obituary

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

Lois Veola Butler Godwin Matthews

daughter of the late Charles H. and Daisy O. Butler, was born on September 13, 1930 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the ninth of eleven children.

Lois grew up in a Christian home where love was shared with her close-knit family. Lois was a member of Shiloh CC Church located at Fremont Avenue and Warner Street under the leadership of the late Rev. George W. Baynard. She continued her membership there with Pastor Jimmy C. Baldwin, Sr.

She received her formal education in the Baltimore City Public School System and she also attended nursing school. She was employed by Lincoln Nursing Home along with various assisted living facilities. She retired from the Babe Ruth Museum in 2007.

Lois was preceded in death by all of her siblings: Charles, Leon, Melford, Quentin (Jack), Elbert, Stillman, Landon, Mary, Daisy and Lovey.

At first, it was just Lois and her firstborn, Delacia (Welbourne) Taylor. She later met and married Vernon Godwin, Sr. and out of that union she had Vernon Godwin, Jr, Darryl (preceded in death) and Quentin, Sr. After becoming a widow, she met James Matthews, Sr. who had four children whom she loved as her own and they loved her: James, Keith (preceded in death), William and Debbie Matthews. Lois raised her grandson Quentin, Jr. as her own.

Lois was known as Sug, Sugar and Piggy by her siblings and Ma, Maa, Nan and Grandma by her children and grands. Lois loved her family. She was a caregiver from a very young age.

Lois loved seafood: crabs, shrimp and fish. She enjoyed Goobers and ginger ale too. She watched her game shows: Cash Cab, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy to name a few. She would guess the puzzle or answer the questions. She really enjoyed watching baseball and attending the games at Memorial Stadium and Camden Yards.

Obituary cont'd

Lois leaves to cherish her memory *Children*: Delacia, Vernon, Quentin, Sr., Frank, William and Debbie, *Grandchildren*: Janet, James, Jeneé, Kimberly, Quentin, Jr., Penny, Kristina, Ashley, Quentin, III, Patrice, Monaire, Raymond, Kenny, Debyii, Will, Chris, Michelle, Edith and James, *Great grands*: Tara, Gregory, Derrion, Jamie, Brandin, Shadé, Raquel, Li'l James, Tyler, Madison, Qamar, Qadre, Brandon Jr., Chase and Anthony, *Childhood best Friend* Jean Henry, *Sister-in-law* Vivian Matthews, her loving *Caregiver* Sharon Brooks, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Poems

Letter to Our Mom

They say there is a reason,
They say time will heal,
Neither time nor reason
will change the way I feel.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in my heart you are always there.
The gates of memories will never close.
We miss you more than anybody knows...
Love and miss you every day,
Till we meet again, always and forever.

Lovingly submitted by your children

Dear Maa

Today I want to give you a small present through this letter.
Maa, like a nurse, you always take care of what hurts.
Like a map, you always help me to find my way.
Like a super hero, you always save the day.
Like a tissue, you always wipe my tears.
Like no one else, you love me.
And like home, you are where my heart will always be.

Love you Maa,

Your first grandchild Janet

Order of Service

Worship Leader.....Reverend Sandra A. Scott
Shiloh Christian Community Church

Opening Hymn.....Minister Tabitha Brooks
Shiloh Christian Community Church
Blessed Assurance

Scripture..... Reverend Raymond Wilson
Shiloh Christian Community Church

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: St. John 14:1-4

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....Minister Tabitha Brooks

Remembrances / Reflections2 minute limit please

Acknowledgements & Cards

Obituary.....Jeneé (née Taylor) Royster

Musical Selection.....Elvera Jones
Safe in His Arms

Eulogy.....Reverend Jimmy C. Baldwin, Sr., Pastor
Shiloh Christian Community Church

Benediction.....Reverend Jimmy C. Baldwin, Sr., Pastor

Recessional



My Aunt

My Aunt was a woman who
had smiles to brighten your days,
who always made you feel good
with her warm words of praise.

And what's more she knew
what to do to make wishes come true.

My Aunt was someone who
always had good stories to tell,

But just as importantly,
she knew how to be a good listener as well.

She was patient and kind,
and the very best friend you could ever hope to find.

She was no ordinary person and
I'm proud to tell the world that Lois was my Aunt.

Love,

Your Nieces and Nephews

I love you Maa

92 years wasn't enough; I only had you for 33.

My heart said you'd live forever,
though my mind knew that couldn't be.

When it comes to those I love, I'm selfish,
so I want you here with me.

I'll do my best to sleep at night knowing that you're
not in pain because you're finally free.

I love you Maa,

Brandin Stackhouse, Sr.

Nana

A grandma to most, a mother to some,
but for me she was my number one, my best friend.
Some called her Maa or Nan, but I called her Nana, and on
Thursday, February 23rd, she was taken from me.

How do I say goodbye?

To my Nana who is flying high in the sky,

I love you, I try not to cry.

But your love beats everybody; every moment we share,
from the laughs and hugs, to the way your smile gathers
everyone's attention. You are a ray of light.

So I know you are glowing up there!
I just wish I could see that light one more time.

Love,

Madison

Interment

Arbutus Memorial Park
1109 Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21227
(Immediately following service)

Pall Bearers

James Taylor	Brandin Stackhouse, Sr.
Gregory Stackhouse, Jr.	Li'l James Taylor
Quentin Godwin, III	Qamar Godwin

Acknowledgement

The Family would like to gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our bereavement.

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2:30 PM
Gala Center
1700 Hill Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

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