



My Tribute to my Mother:

Mama, thank you for being a praying, Godly woman, and for teaching me to have faith and be strong. I know you're in a better place now with Daddy and Venita. Your guidance will stay in my heart forever. I love and miss you.

— *Mirchelle Collins*

To My Precious Mother:

Mama, being the baby of the family was a blessing, but helping to care for you these last several years was the greatest honor of my life. You had a heart of gold and always sacrificed for others. Thank you for your endless love. I miss you and will cherish you forever.

— *Your Baby Bea*

To a Wonderful Mother-in-Law:

Thank you for welcoming me into your family. I am deeply grateful to have been a part of your life, and so honored to be married to your daughter. Your kindness and love will stay with me forever.

— *Son Son (Cemmon)*

To Grandma:

There are not enough words to thank you for everything you've done and given me in life. Everything you taught and showed me will forever be in my heart, mind, and soul. I love and miss you. You may be gone, but you will never be forgotten.

— *Carthon V. Diggs (Choo)*

To Grandma:

It is hard to say goodbye to our rock, but I find solace knowing you are in heaven reunited with family, watching over us. Though gone from this earth, your wisdom and advice will live in my heart forever. I love you, and you will never be forgotten.

— *Ricky Collins Jr.*

PALL BEARERS

Carthon Diggs (Choo) • Jeff Bell • Quinn Tolbert
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HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Cemmon Grant • Stanley Robinson • Homer Stidham
Lawrence Stidham • John Moham Jr. (Chief)
Brian Robinson • Dwight Fox • Antonio Lollis

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Shauntae Sourie • Amanda Isaac • Sharon Robertson
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HONORARY FLOWER BEARERS

Louvenia Moham • Mae Frances Stevenson
Pat Washington • Shirley Stidham • Syrester Shanklin
Mary Shaw • Theola Cooper • Connie Ginyard

We extend our sincerest appreciation to all of you for the sympathy, kindness, generosity and prayers that have comforted us and lifted our spirits. Thank you.

The Family of Martha Lee Diggs



FINAL RESTING PLACE

Lakeview Cemetery

12100 E. 13th St. - Wichita, Kansas 67206



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The Glorious Homegoing of
MARTHA L. DIGGS

January 7, 1939 ~ May 12, 2026



Formal service honoring her beautiful life, her unshakeable faith, and her enduring legacy

Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 10:00 AM

(The service will commence promptly)

Calvary Baptist Church

2653 N. Hillside St.

Wichita, Kansas 67219

Interment immediately following the service

A Divine Foundation Built Upon the Rock
Dedicated Woman of God, loving mother, esteemed grandmother, and precious great-grandmother, Martha L. Diggs – affectionately known to all as "Aunt Martha" – passed away peacefully into the sweet arms of her Savior on May 12, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas. Her rich, impactful, and beautifully ordered life journey began on January 7, 1939, in Checotah, Oklahoma, as the second child born to the holy union of Abe and Arizona Stidham. Reared in a loving home deeply rooted in Christian values, scriptural truth, and unwavering familial devotion, Martha accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and became a Christian at an early age. This milestone established an unshakeable spiritual foundation that would guide her steps, anchor her soul, and illuminate her path for eighty-seven beautiful years.

Affectionately called "Big Mama" by her father during her formative years, she grew up to be the world’s absolute best sister, anchoring her siblings with a protective, nurturing, and fiercely loyal love that never wavered through the seasons of life. As she matured into adulthood, she later shared fifty-eight beautiful, blessed years of holy matrimony with her beloved husband, building a home filled with laughter, shelter, and grace. As a doting parent, family was her ultimate pride and joy; she was always remarkably quick to introduce her children and loved ones to anyone she met, her face beaming with pure happiness, warmth, and maternal pride. Her home was a sanctuary where everyone was welcome, and her life was a testament to the beauty of a family bound together by love and faith.

A Giant Spirit of Unconditional Love and Selflessness
Martha was a vibrant, unforgettable soul who truly ****never met a stranger****. To step into her presence was to be treated immediately like family, welcomed with open arms and a heart that knew no boundaries. Though she was small in physical height, her gentle, commanding spirit and the sheer, radiant magnitude of her love made her look six feet tall to everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She possessed a rare and beautiful gift: a radiant smile that brought immediate, unshakeable peace to your soul the very moment she spoke with you.

She was a wonderful, patient listener who consciously chose to see the absolute best in everyone she encountered, overlooking flaws to highlight the value within each person. Martha had a signature, heartwarming affection that became her beautiful trademark – she would always kiss you on the cheek and tightly hold your hand, instantly making you feel important, deeply valued, respected, and completely safe. With a profoundly compassionate heart, she quietly made it her life's mission to ensure that the down-and-out, the brokenhearted, and the forgotten of this world were never overlooked. She was entirely selfless, the rare kind of woman who would truly give you her very last dollar, her last meal, or the coat off her back just to ensure that you had what you needed. Her entire existence stood as a magnificent inspiration of unconditional love in action, living and breathing to lift up and inspire others no matter where her feet took her.

An Impeccable Legacy of Labor and Community Impact
Martha’s work ethic was completely impeccable, a powerful legacy of integrity, resilience, and personal accountability that she passed down proudly and successfully to her children. She believed that honest labor was a form of worship, and she modeled that truth every single day. Before launching her corporate career, she served her local community with pride as a dedicated bus driver for USD 259, ensuring the safety and well-being of countless children who looked forward to her bright smile every morning. She then brought her incredible dedication, sharp focus, and standard of excellence to Cessna, working exceptionally hard and naturally becoming the beloved "Mom" to her entire department. She carried that same unwavering commitment, meticulous care, and maternal warmth through the company's many transitions, ultimately retiring from Textron-Cessna after thirty-six years of faithful, distinguished, and highly respected service.

Yet, above all her earthly achievements and professional accolades, Martha was a mighty prayer warrior blessed with a resolute, mountain-moving faith. Her family always knew exactly who to call during a crisis, finding a safe, unyielding anchor in her prayers, her profound spiritual discernment, and her unshakeable calm. When Martha went to the Lord on your behalf, you knew the heavens were listening. In 1962, she aligned her spirit with Calvary Baptist Church, where she remained a steadfast pillar of faith and a loyal servant of the Most High God for over sixty years.

Martha's heart for service knew absolutely no bounds. She was a devoted caregiver, tenderly tending to her husband during his times of need and assisting countless seniors throughout her decades of fellowship at the church. Within the sacred walls of Calvary, she did whatever it took to make a meaningful difference: serving faithfully on the usher board with a welcoming grace, lifting her beautiful voice as a dedicated choir member, driving the church bus to ensure others could attend worship, working diligently as a custodian, and quietly executing whatever tasks were needed behind the scenes. She never sought the spotlight, praise, or earthly validation, but always did the Lord's work with a joyful, servant-hearted spirit. She truly walked by the guiding philosophy that defined her daily walk: **"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met."**

Reunited in Celestial Glory
Martha leaves behind a rich and enduring legacy. She is survived by her beloved children, Mirchelle Collins, Beatrice Grant (Cemmon) and her cherished grandchildren, Carthon Diggs, Ricky Collins, and Antonio Lollis; three great-grandchildren; her beloved siblings, Homer Stidham, Louvenia Moham, Mae Francis Stevenson, Lawrence Stidham, and Patricia Washington; along with extended family, special friends Jean Walker, JoAnn Lyday, Connie Ginyard, and Henrietta Hutchins, and many otherlifelong friends whose lives were forever touched by her kindness and love.

While her physical absence leaves an undeniable, aching void in the hearts of those who loved her, her family finds sweet comfort and peace knowing she is joyfully reunited in celestial glory with her adoring parents, Abe and Arizona Stidham, her late husband Marshall, and her beloved daughter Venita. She has fought the good fight, she has finished her course, she has kept the faith, and she is now resting peacefully in the rewards of her Master.

Celebrating the Life of Martha L. Diggs
Calvary Baptist Church
2653 N. Hillside – Wichita, Kansas 67219
Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Dr. T. La Mont Holder, Officiant



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	Clergy & Family
Selection	Sharene Thompson
Scripture Readings	
* Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1	Rev. Earl Givens
* New Testament – Thessalonians 4:13-15	Rev. Ray Douglas
Prayer	Rev. Earl Burkhalter
Selection	Allissa Issac
Resolutions /Acknowledgments / Obituary	
.....	Linda Hopkins

Remarks	(2 minutes, please)
.....	Jocelyn Kenner
.....	Sondra Stidham
.....	Amanda Issac
.....	Shauntae Sourie
.....	The Bailey Family
.....	Jennifer Wright
.....	Dr. Mukala Kadari & Tolulope Kadari
.....	Carthon Diggs

Precious Memories Video

Selection	Sis. Cherrie Holder
Words of Comfort	Dr. T. La Mont Holder
Parting View / Recessional	