

Obituary

Mattie Lee Wheeler(Banks) was born on May 1st, 1932 in Spring Creek of Searcy County, Arkansas to Henry and Lucille Banks (Owens). She grew up on the "old cotton field down home!" in Helena, Arkansas where she met and married her late husband George Wheeler on October 25th, 1948. She moved to Boston, MA in 1955 where she continued her education, completing the JPCS Adult Learning Program in June 1988 and the Community Health Educator Training Program in July 1991. While completing her adult education program, Mattie developed a love for writing, having several of her poems published in a literacy magazine titled "Need I say More". Mattie was widely known in the Bromley Heath (Mildred Haley) Housing development. She served as an original board member of the Bromley Health Tenant Management Cooperation, earning a hand painted portrait in the new home of the Martha Eliot Health Center. For a while, Mattie was the neighborhood "ice cream lady" selling ice cream and iceys to the neighborhood children to keep them from getting hurt while crossing the streets. Mattie was an exceptional gardener, growing some of the tallest corn stalks and award-winning sunflowers eyes have ever seen.

Mattie loved spending time with her family and friends whether it was around a big table with tons of food, in the kitchen with a well-seasoned cast iron skillet or in the yard with a smoking grill. She could always be heard laughing loudly or hollering to one of her grands "careful for you hurt ya self now!" or "turn one another loose!". To know Mattie was to know she would always give you whatever she had and ALWAYS teach you a good lesson.

On July 22nd, 2025, Mattie was escorted by angels from this earthly home.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents Henry & Lucille Banks; Siblings Rev. Walter Banks Sr., George Banks, Tony Banks, JamesLouis Banks, Willie Banks, Nathaniel Banks, Betty Smith & Jessie Banks-Spears; Children Clyde Banks, Terrence Wheeler, Carol Wheeler & Tiajuana Wheeler; Granddaughter Mylicia Wheeler and Great-grandson Markus Hector.

Mattie leaves to cherish her memories her sister Christine Currie, children Kimberly(Bryant) Wheeler-James, Henrietta "Shirley" Banks-Lewis, Tommie Wheeler & John Wheeler; Grandchildren Tonja (Ronald) Banks-Hector, Toni Banks-Lewis, Terrell Wheeler, Tia Wheeler, Tenisha Wheeler, Tiara Wheeler, Nakia Robinson, Bryant Wheeler-James & her favorite Shanikwa Branch; Great-grandchildren Malik (Tamala) Hector, Miko Hector, Trinity Banks-Lewis, Eli Williams, Justin Jenkins, Trineyce Taylor, Anthony Wheeler, Christian Wheeler & her favorite Shaniyah Branch along with a host of nieces, nephews cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Procession

Invocation

Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Song Dedication

Theres a leak in this old Building-LaShun Pace

Remarks

Family & Friends

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Eulogy

Song Dedication

A Song for Mama - Boyz II Men Smooth Jazz Tribute

Recession



Interment

Fairview Cemetery, 45 Fairview Ave, Hyde Park, MA 02136

Repast-following the internment

Cathay Pacific, 111 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02171

Don't remember me with sadness,
 Don't remember me with tears,
 Remember all the laughter,
 We've shared throughout the years.
 Now I am contented
 That my life it was worthwhile,
 Knowing as I passed along the way
 I made somebody smile.
 When you are walking down the street
 And you've got me on your mind,
 I'm walking in your footsteps
 Only half a step behind.
 So please don't be unhappy
 Just because I'm out of sight,
 Remember that I'm with you
 Each morning, noon and night.
-Author Unknown



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 PACE & The Bostonian Rehab for all their care & attention; & Davis Funeral
 home for all their patience and assistance.
 Special thank you to everyone for their prayers, support & words of
 encouragement.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Davis Funeral Home
 89 Walnut Ave, Roxbury
 654 Cummins Hwy, Mattapan
 617 427-0828 — 617 296-1755

Homegoing celebration for the Life of *Mattie Lee Wheeler*



Sunrise May 1st, 1932 Sunset July 22nd, 2025

Friday, August 8th, 2025

Visitation: 11:30AM

Service: 12:30PM

Davis Funeral Home
 89 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, MA

Reverend Anthony L. Graham, Sr. Pastor

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
 1082 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester, MA 02124