



Mrs. Mary Emma Matthews

May 14, 1936 - December 7, 2013

Reflections Of Her Life:

Mary E. Matthews was born on May 14, 1936 in Elmore, Alabama. She was the second oldest of nine children born to Inell and Henry Jackson. Mary graduated from Sam Town High School in Elmore, Alabama. Soon after high school she met and married the love of her life, Lonnie Matthews on August 12, 1953. To their union two daughters, Deborah and Linda were born.

After moving to Detroit, Michigan she joined New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Charles E. Glover. Amongst the division of the church Mary remained a faithful member at New Jerusalem where she sang in the choir, under the new leadership of Rev. Fred Wilson. Mary continued to serve at New Jerusalem Temple under the new leadership of Rev. L. J. London, until her name was signed by the angels. Mary was employed with Detroit Public Schools for 19 years, with ABM Janitorial for 16 years, and with Ford Motor Company for 7 years. Her love for children led her to begin tutoring and become a lunch aide with the Detroit Public Schools system.

Mary had such a contagious smile, you were sure to smile back if she ever smiled at you. She was a loving and devoted, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Mary was known for having a soft but yet firm voice especially when speaking to those she loved. One thing she would always say is "I say what I

mean, and I mean what I say!" It was evident in the way that she lived her life that she knew she was a child of the most high, God! Such a willing worker and vessel she served on the pastor's aid committee, choir, women's ministry and deaconess board. Not only was she diligent on these committees but she served where ever her service was needed in the kingdom. In April 2013, Mary received an honor at the Fellowship District Women's Auxiliary Luncheon. She was also named the "Sheroe" of New Jerusalem Temple. Mary loved to travel with her traveling group, The Sophisticated Ladies, spending time with family, friends and her church family.

On December 7, 2013, God sent his angels to bring his child, Mary home.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

Thursday, Dec. **12**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Friday, Dec. **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Jerusalem Temple Missionary Baptist Church
17330 Fenkell
Detroit, MI 48227

Funeral Service

Friday, Dec. **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Emma Matthews*

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