

A Celebration of Life
- IN LOVING MEMORY OF -

- *Our Gift* -
October 27, 1925

- *God's Gift* -
September 5, 2022



Mattie Davenport

"MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE, SPEAK FOR ME"



Mattie's Loving Journey

“Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need! He lets me rest in the meadow grass and leads me beside the quiet streams. He restores my failing health. He helps me do what honors him the most. Even when walking through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid. For you are close beside me, guarding, guiding all the way. You provide delicious food for me in the presence of my enemies. You have welcomed me as your guest, blessings overflow! Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life, and afterwards I will live with you forever in your home.”

- Psalm 23

MATTIE (SQUEAKY) JOHNSON DAVENPORT was the eighth child born to the late Robert and Ellen Johnson. She was the youngest child of this union.

Early childhood school days were spent at St. Mary's School in Lee County, Texas. Her education continued at Post Oak High School in Lee County. After graduation, she took advance courses at Houston Community College.

Mattie was baptized at an early age at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church in Lee County before locating to Houston. Her move to Houston came after meeting and marrying Elmo Davenport. They settled in the Third Ward community of Houston. Here she united with Oliver Chapel Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Solomon Williams.

She continued to be a steward of the Lord until her health began to decline. However, until that time, she was an active participant in various auxiliaries, under the current leadership of Pastor Donzell Archie, extending herself through spiritual teaching and caregiving of others.

She was a Sunday School teacher, 2nd Vice President of Senior Mission #2, Women's chorus and Education Committee.

She especially enjoyed baking cakes for her nieces, nephews, and other family members.

Mattie experienced a career in the public sector as a Teacher Assistant in the Houston Independent School District.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ellen Johnson; husband of 56 years, Elmo Davenport; two brothers, five sisters, one half sister and son-in-law, Horace Nelson Thomas.

Mattie leaves precious and loving memories to her loving and devoted daughter, Doris Faye Thomas; grandson, Reginald Thomas; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mattie was a very compassionate, loving person, always trying to be of service to others and will be dearly missed.



The Order of Service

Saturday, the 17th day of September, 2022
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Oliver Chapel Baptist Church
2307 Bastrop Street • Houston, Texas 77004
Pastor Donzell Archie, Officiating

Prelude.....(Soft Music)

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection.....OCBC Praise Warriors

Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament (Psalm 121).....Rev. Ronald Bell

The New Testament (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).....Rev. Kenneth Goode

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Donzell Archie

Resolutions and Acknowledgments

Expressions of Remembrance.....(Limit to Three Minutes)
******At The Family's Request, No More Than FIVE People******

Silent Reading of the Obituary.....(Soft Music)

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Donzell Archie

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Farewell Message



When my time on earth is done, and I am no more
Don't remember how I found death knocking on my door.
Don't bother with the details of how I met with my demise
Don't worry for my soul or let tears flow from your eyes.
No, when I go, you rest assured I am in a better place
I have walked on golden streets and seen my Savior's face
I have hugged my father's neck and seen my sisters and brothers too
I will bask in God's glorious love as I wait for you.
Remember how I loved the Lord and how I sang for Him
Tell my family left behind how much I still love them
Share stories of my silly side and laughter I have caused
Don't weep for me, my last requests that you take a pause...
To check your heart and soul condition, have you made your peace with God?
I pray you all will do His will and reach others while here you trod.
So that your smiling face I'll see when your earthly race is run
Don't cry for me, but celebrate I am forever with the Son.

Love you all, Mattie

Expressions of Love



Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is Mother, she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you showed me.

Your loving daughter, Nita

In my rose garden of memories,
I see you standing there,
Who taught me how to care.
I long to hear your voice
for real - not in my dreams.
I am missing you so much these days.
How empty my world seems.
People say time heals all wounds,
that someday the pain will subside,
The emptiness I am feeling now
is strong and I am weak.
These days go by without you,
so dreary and so bleak.
In my rose garden of memories
I know you'll always be,
for though you're gone
from this mortal world,
in my heart you'll always be.

Love, Reggie







Active Pallbearers

John Branch
Gregory Branch
Brent Shepard

Corey Shepard
Damon Townsend
JaMarkus Tolbert

Honorary Pallbearers

Tom Davenport
James Shepard Sr.
Milton Snow
Roy Townsend

Charles Alexander
Jamal Edoo
Joseph Mundine

Our Heartfelt Gratitude...

We extend heartfelt appreciation to everyone who lifted us up in prayer and support during this time of bereavement. Thank you for your prayers that sustained our faith, your words that encouraged our hearts, and your visits that helped us feel God's arms embracing us. Your thoughtfulness has left an indelible mark upon our hearts. Please continue to pray for us, and may God bless and keep you.

Special thanks to the team at Hospice Plus, Kamona Brister, Kimberly Robinson, Lisa Marquez and others for their sincere, professional and endless support and service.

- The Family

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