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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021. 1-2 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 2 PM AT GREATER SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH 2015 JOHN L. PATTERSON STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Mattie Ella Virginia Bowling was the youngest of five born on Monday, March 21, 1938. to the late George William Bowling and Luvenia Roberts Bowling, Mattie entered into the eternal place with the good Shepherd on Friday, October 15, 2021 at Tristar Northcrest Medical Center. She was blessed by God to see 83 years.

Being under the roof of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowling Sr., Christianity was a requirement. On November 7, 1948 Mattie joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Mattie and her sister, Gladys Jean, were baptized on that cold Sunday. The creek was frozen but, the girls were determined as well as ready. Later years Sister Bowling joined Greater South Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and she enjoined witnessing to the preacher. She would often witness the preacher by saying " Go Ahead," "Amen Brother, "and "Bring it on Home."

Mattie attended the Robertson County School System. She was a graduate of Bransford High School in the Class of 1956.

In the Summer of 1962, she met the love of her life the late Fred Young. To this union blessed by God one daughter was born, Carla Denise Young. Mattie taught Carla neatness as well as cleanliness. She always would tell her daughter cleanliness is a lifestyle. Carla was the star in both of her parent's eyes.

Regardless of who you were that couldn't be changed.

Mattie did domestic work for years. She was employed at Lon Light in Portland, TN. She was employed by Conwood Company in Springfield. Mattie retired in 2000 after 2 decades of service.

Mattie enjoyed walking and watching football. She was a Tennessee Titans fan. Without doubt, Steve McNair was her guy.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her best friend, Fred Young; and devoted caregiving son-in-law, William B. Simmons; two brothers, George Bowling, II and Ralph Bowling; two sisters, Gladys Jean Smith and Dorothy Ann Dowlen.

The legacy she leaves behind will continue, to reflect the good life and, works she demonstrated through her generosity and kindred spirit; loving daughter, Carla Denise Young Simmons of Goodlettsville, TN; two special grandsons, De' Angelo (Lakresha) Scharkley of Springfield, TN and Shaquille (JaNeisha) Scharkley of Goodlettsville, TN; seven great-grandchildren, Sa'Meyah and Sa'Miyah Scharkley, D`Monny Scharkley, Jadyne Hayes, Julian White, Kreshay and Jamarious Patterson; devoted nieces, Christine Dowlen (Robert) Wix, Darlene Smith; nephew, Reverend Curtis (Reverend Sheila) Bowling; sisters-in-law, Dreucilla Miles Stewart and Josie Miles; special cousins, Peggy Woodson, Helen Marie Hicks and Cindy Ellis and family; devoted great-niece, Sheena (Reverend Leon) Chapman; special great-great-niece, Shanteea (Carlos) Stewart Sr.; special friends, Dorothy Owens, Mary Gladys Barbee and Doris Stone. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends.