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ARRANGEMENTS:VIEWING AND VISITATION, TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 12:00 PM AT W. D. CROWDER FUNERAL HOME, 1800 JOHN L. PATTERSON STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172.INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Keitha Mai Payne Fudge was born on February 18,1933 in Haydensville, KY to the late Herman Payne and Margaret Elizabeth York. She departed this life on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at her home.

Keitha confessed her life to Christ at a very early age, and she attended First Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield, TN. Later, she united with Community Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Billy M. Townsend. Keitha was married to the late Roosevelt Fudge. Two children were born to their union, the late Maurice O'hara Fudge and Madeline Elizabeth Fudge.

Keitha was educated in the Robertson County School System and graduated from Bransford High School. She furthered her education at Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State University (TSU) and Trevecca Nazarene University. She started her career as a Teacher's Aide. After completing her Bachelor's degree, she taught for the Robertson County School System for many years until her retirement.

Keitha was loving, caring, and family oriented. She enjoyed and found peace working in her yard and planting flowers. In her earlier years, she enjoyed fishing with her mother and Aunt Callie, and of course, the best part for her was eating as many as possible!

Keitha was compassionate and showed great empathy for those who were less fortunate and downtrodden.

Keitha was a pianist who lovingly played for her church until her health failed.She really enjoyed making her piano ring out in her home for her family. Two of her favorite songs were, "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired" and "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand". Keitha did not tire, as she continued to hold to God's unchanging hand until the end.

Keitha really loved the Lord and was not ashamed to let it be known.

Education was a priority to Keitha, and she would let it be known to her younger family members as she encouraged them to go further. She was an encourager to so many. She also shared much of her wisdom with her grandsons who held a very special place in her heart.

Mrs. Fudge, momma Keitha's presence will be missed.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her beloved daughter, Madeline Fudge and her widowed daughter-in-law, Cassandra L. Fudge; Grandsons, Derrick Fudge of Arlington, TX and Darin Fudge of Springfield, TN; Great Grandsons, Ezra Fudge, Demetri Fudge, and Jacoby Fudge; honorary great grandchildren, Marissa, Elizabeth, Romeo, and Ana; Widowed Aunt, Lena Townsend Bradley, of Washington, DC; Special and devoted cousins, Billy, Thomas, Phillip, and Jimmy Townsend, Delinda Bell, Equilla Wicks, and a host of other cousins and loved ones.