

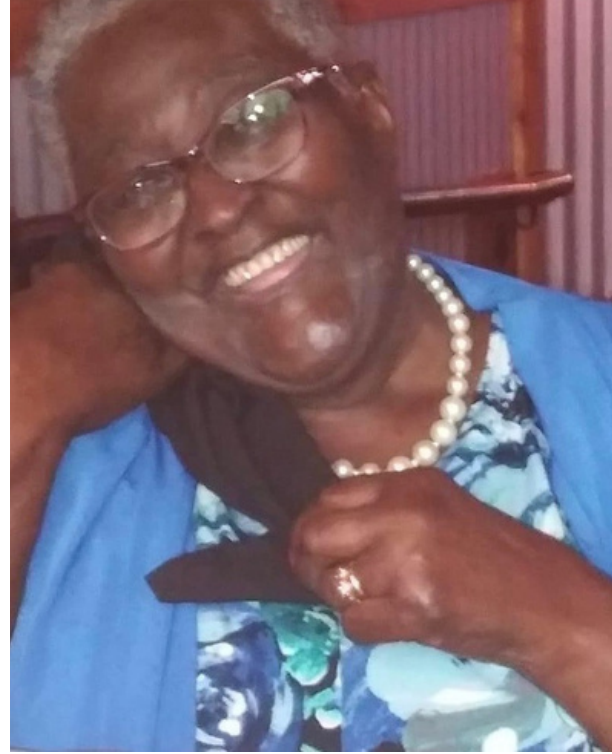


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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022,

11-1 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM AT CITY OF FAITH CHURCH, 1001 GOLDCREST DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Mattie Pearl Thomas, affectionately known as Ganna, was born to the late Horace and Nezzie V. Thomas on August 28, 1928, in Adairville, Kentucky. She transitioned peacefully at Alive Hospice in Nashville, Tennessee on Thursday, July 21, 2022. Mattie Pearl professed a hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized in the creek at Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, where she was a member until she joined Greater South Baptist Church. She faithfully attended Greater South Baptist until her death. She was one of five children and was preceded in death by all her siblings: Magdeline, James Horace, Ruby Lee, and Percy. Mattie

Pearl was a loving and devoted mother of six children: Clyde Eugene, Ronnie,

Percy Darnell, Linda Gail, Patricia, and Ricky. Percy, Clyde, Patricia, and Ricky preceded her in death.

Ganna loved everyone and never met a stranger. She always made sure that everyone around her felt welcomed and included. She was known for cooking huge meals and invited anyone

to come fix a plate and fellowship. Ganna was the life of the party wherever she went. She was notorious for making jokes, her dance moves, and her infectious personality. Some of her favorite past

times were sending cards and making phone calls to encourage those who were sick and going through difficult times. She was a firm believer in God and did not mind sharing her faith with anyone.

Her 93 years of life experiences helped her to impart wisdom to many. Ganna was an avid student of the Bible, diligently reading it every morning and every night.

She enjoyed studying with her friends at the Sisters of Hope Bible Study Group weekly. Ganna also believed in building a strong family unit. She always taught the family to stick together and to pray together.

She devoted much of her life caring for her parents, family members, and children. As the matriarch of our family, she made sure to stay in touch with family members from all over the country.

Ganna supported her children, grandchildren, and great-grand-children in every activity they participated. She could often be heard from the stands and seen waving her cane, cheering for them.

She pushed her kids to strive for the best and to NEVER give up. She was their biggest fan.

Ganna leaves many loved ones to cherish her memories and carry her legacy. She is survived by her loving children, Ronnie Thomas (Beatrice) and Linda Gail Phillips; six grandchildren:

Rochelle Thomas, Eric Herring (Katrina), Percy Thomas, Crystal Thomas, Tiffany Thomas, and Britney Thomas; twelve great-grand-children: Delvante' Herring, Anicea Thomas, Marcellus Hale Jr.,

Eric Herring, Jr., Jaya Herring, Kalani Thomas, Triston Woods, Kamero Young, Jaidyn Thomas-Scott, Peris Thomas, Thailan Thomas, and Londyn Thomas; and four great-great-grandchildren: Dontay, Naomi, Tatum, and Marcellus III; devoted nieces and nephew: Rita Thomas, Euann Thomas, and Elaine Townsend (Billy), Janice Calhoun, and Jeffrey Thomas (Janet); devoted friends: Christine Williams, Helen Nixon, and Mary Cross; and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, honorary

grandchildren, cousins, and friends.