



Congregational Hymn

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Refrain

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.*

Refrain

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the From the Heart Church Ministries family, medical assistants, neighbors, her many friends, and all who provided support, encouragement, kind words and prayers during these difficult times.

Services entrusted to:
Hodges & Edwards Funeral Home
Suitland, Maryland

D.D. Watson Funeral Home
Louisa, Virginia

A Celebration of Life

for

Aurelia Lee Mathis

October 7, 1938 - March 16, 2020



Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home
3910 Silver Hill Road
Suitland, Maryland
Bishop John A. Cherry, III - Pastor

Obituary

Aurelia Lee Dailey Mathis was born in Louisa County, Virginia, on October 7, 1938. She was the eighth child born to the late Haywood and Grace Scott Dailey. Despite only weighing three pounds at birth, she appeared very strong.

Aurelia was educated in the public schools of Louisa County, Virginia. As a sickly child, she walked nearly two miles to her elementary school, but she persevered. She was raised on a farm where she had many chores. They ranged from picking up chips to bringing in wood; and at age 13 she learned how to cook.

Aurelia had many nicknames throughout her lifetime. From age two to 13 she was called "Little Bit." Later, because she could go toe-to-toe with her brothers she earned the name "Duke." However, when she became a young woman, she was affectionately called "Twinkle." She was given this nickname because of the twinkle in her eye, and the sweet smile shown to those for whom she cared.

Aurelia's hobbies included caring for others, reading, listening to music, and doing yard work. She was a caregiver to many including each of her family members. However, she especially cared for her two invalid sisters (one older and one younger) ensuring their needs were met. Aurelia, following in her mother's footsteps, helped her community with natural cures. She always had a remedy for something, and it usually worked. She loved to read about medical breakthroughs, taking reports to her doctors amazing them with her knowledge. The doctors thanked her, and after having done their own research, agreed with Aurelia.

After moving to the Washington metropolitan area, Aurelia was employed with the Office of Scientific Research in Rosslyn, Virginia; U.S. Patent Office in the District; and finally, the Washington Metropolitan Police Department where she retired in 1994. She received numerous awards over the years. While employed with the Police Department, she did nearly everything the officers did with the exception of carrying a gun. When assigned a task, she always did it to the

best of her ability. Her motto was: *"Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you with the help of God."*

One of Aurelia's favorite Bible verses was Ecclesiastes 9:10 (KJV): *"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."* She worked in the community wherever she lived to make things better for everyone. If there was something she could not change, she believed in taking it to the highest possible level to get the job done. Aurelia was the person from whom one needed to learn lessons, and follow. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Aurelia leaves to cherish her memory her stepson, Anthony Mathis; stepdaughter, Quan Mathis; nieces: Janice Dailey, Earlene Dandridge, Kimberly Haward, Christina Lee Haward, and Nasya Autumn Bradshaw; nephews, Keith White, Steven Bradshaw, Kenneth Dandridge, Keith Dandridge, Joquis McCray, Bacil White, and D'Andre Bradshaw; sisters-in-law, Mary Dailey and Betty Dailey; and many other relatives and friends.

Aurelia was preceded in death by her parents, Haywood and Grace Dailey; brothers, Junia, Warren, Walter, and Joseph Dailey; sisters, Pearl Bradshaw, Catherine Dailey, and Evelyn Dailey.



Order of Service

Invocation

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Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 23
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Mr. Keith White, Nephew

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation

Message of Hope *Minister Bonnie Rampersaud*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Recessional