



Life's Reflections

Mattie Jean Edwards Baker was born March 18, 1930, in Williamson, West Virginia. She was the youngest of eight children born to George and Mertyle Edwards. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Alonzo, Robert, and George Jr. and four sisters Grayce Williams, Virginia Harriston, Kathryn Gray and Julia Harris.

Mattie attended Liberty High School in Williamson. After graduation she moved to St. Louis, MO to attend nursing school at Homer G. Phillips. She later received her B.S.N. from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois.

Mattie met and married Booker T. Baker Jr. To this 50 plus year union, three children were born, Booker T. Baker III (Kimberley), Michael K. Baker and Deborah Baker-Dukes (Allen).

Mattie had a long career in nursing. She worked at several hospitals in St. Louis. This included City Hospital #1, Missouri Baptist, and Malcolm Bliss, where she retired as one of the night supervisors.

A 60 plus year member of All Saints' Episcopal Church, she sang in the choir for several years. She also assisted in the church office one a week.

Mattie was inducted into Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Zeta Sigma Chapter, April 14, 1979 and pinned by her daughter. She became a life member (#620) in June 2006. While in Zeta Sigma, she served as advisor to Alpha Rho Chapter and assisted on several committees. Her favorite committee was Afro-American Arts Festival. She was responsible for the refreshment table for several years.

Mattie is survived by her daughter Deborah (Allen) and a daughter-in-law Kimberley; 3 grandchildren Erica J. Baker, Brandon Baker and Alexia R. Baker Dukes; 3 great grandchildren Malik Quattlebaum, Christina Caldwell and Jaylen Caldwell; 1 great-great grandson Jay'ceon Quattlebaum.

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