

Celebration of Life

Sis. Ola Mae Tatum

Sunrise: June 21, 1925

Sunset: October 23, 2025

Saturday, November 1, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.


Sweet Hope Missionary Baptist Church

925 South 6th Avenue | Laurel, Mississippi 39440

Rev. Bobby Ray Bolton, Pastor
Rev. William McCormick, Officiating

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but
Unto all them also that love His appearing." - II Timothy 4:7-8

Order of Service



To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, a time to pluck up that which is planted. A time To weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. - Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4

*M*istress of Ceremony Cynthia Gully

*P*rocession The Family

Call to Worship

*S*election Choir

*S*cripture Reading Rev. Leonard Kelly

*O*ld Testament Psalm 91:14-16

*N*ew Testament John 3:16, Rev. 21:4

*P*rayer of Comfort Rev. Marshall Myers

*S*election Teresa Campbell

*W*ords of Comfort Rev. Bobby Ray Bolton

*W*ords of Expressions Jessie Lawrence

Morgan Chin

*A*cknowledgments


*S*election Choir

*E*ulogy Rev. William McCormick

*F*uneral Directors in Charge Keyes Mortuary Funeral Home

*R*ecessional The Family

*I*nterment Oak Hill #2 Cemetery



Obituary

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. - Revelation 21:4

Ola Mae was born on June 21, 1925 in Paulding, Mississippi and peacefully departed this life on Thursday, October 23, 2025. She graduated from Bay Springs Vocational School, She was preceded in death by her parents Ulton Bridges and Estelle Bridges-Bender, her daughter Mary Alice Tatum, four brothers: Ulton Bridges, Earnest Bridges, Robert Bender and Sammy Bender and seven sisters: Carrie Broomfield, Addie Simmons, Hattie Tate, , Mattie McCormick, Velma Beavers, Thelma Gavin, and Mae Anna Bender.

As A Church Member

Ola Mae accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Paulding, MS. Later in life she joined Sweet Hope Missionary Baptist Church where she faithfully served as an usher until her health failed her.

As An Employee

Ola Mae moved to Gulfport where she worked for Sun and Sand Beach Resort. She was also employed at the county jail. In 1971 she moved to Laurel to be closer to family. While in Laurel she worked at South Central Regional Medical Center and private work for Mr. and Mrs. Billy Howard. She was a owner of an apartment complex.

Her Memories

She is lovingly remembered by her sons: Andrew (Gwen) Tatum, Stone Mountain, GA; Bobby Tatum and Gary Tatum, Laurel, MS. She is also survived by her brother, William Bender, Paulding, MS; two sisters, Mildred Mae Carmichael, Laurel, MS; Lou Bertha Bender, Charlotte, NC. Her memory will live on through a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren as well as a host of nephews and nieces.

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Mother

From Your Boys

*Words cannot express how much you mean to us.
You raised us with love, strength, and endless devotion,
Guiding us with patience and grace through every season of life.
Though we did not always follow your lead,
Please know that we always heard you,
And we carry your lessons within us still.
Your warmth and care shaped our world,
And your love will forever live in our hearts.
A century of life — a legacy of kindness, courage, and faith.
Mama, we miss you deeply,
But we take comfort in knowing your spirit lives on
In every smile, every prayer, and every act of love.*

*Forever in our hearts,
Your Boys*

100 YEARS OF OLA MAE

*100 years of memories that time could never fade,
100 seasons of laughter in the love that she made.
100 gentle smiles that lit up every room,
100 years of wisdom that helped her family bloom.*

*100 tales of courage that she shared with her dear,
100 moments of kindness that drew her loved ones near.
100 birthdays cherished, the last a special cheer.
100 reasons to celebrate a life so full and dear.*

*100 years of loving children and their children all around,
100 generations touched by the warmth that they found.
100 years of legacy in Ola Mae's embrace,
100 years of love that time will never erase.*

~ Your Grandchildren ~

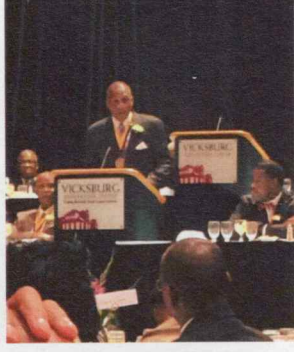
Jettie Waters

JETTIE WATERS, the first born of Lewis and Mary Ann Waters. Jettie was born in 1877. Jettie married Boyer Rogers. To this union six children were born: ESTELLA, HATTIE, MILDRED, LAWRENCE, EDDIE, ERAN and MARY ANN. JETTIE died in 1972 at the age of 95 and Boyer died in 1961. Jettie is buried at Union Baptist Church Cemetery in Heidelberg, Mississippi.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

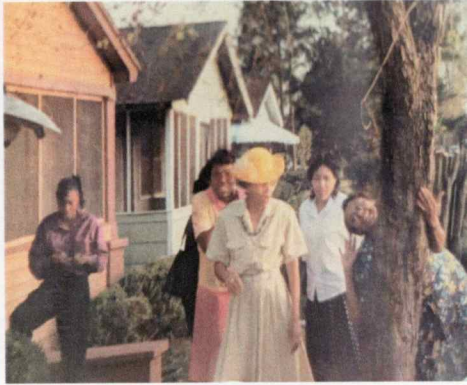
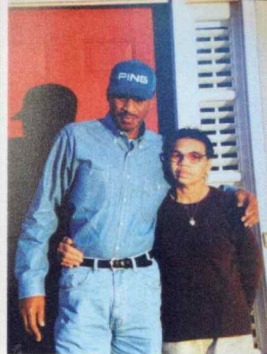


GRANDMA ESTELLA



SCHOOL DAYS 1956-57
MISS. CITY





Pallbearers

Nephews

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgments

The family of Mae Ola Tatum would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your sincere expressions of kindness and sympathy during this time of Bereavement. Your prayers, cards, flowers, food and other thoughtful gestures Have brought us great comfort and are deeply appreciated. We would Like to express our thanks to the staff of South Central Regional Medical Center and Comfort Care of Laurel for Your passion and care shown.

Interment

***Oak Hill #2 Cemetery
1874 Grandview Drive
Laurel, MS 39440***

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***Sweet Hope Baptist Church
925 South 6th Ave. - Laurel, MS 39440***

Services Entrusted to:

***Keyes Mortuary Funeral Home
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