



*Celebration of
Life Services
for*

MS. MATTIE RUTH
GIBSON

Saturday, May 31, 2025

1:00 P.M. (EST)

St. Stephens Christian
Methodist Episcopal Church
2427 Columbus Road
Valley, Alabama 36854

Rev. Larry Threatts, *Pastor/Officiating*
Rev. Bradley Gibson, *Eulogist*



Obituary

Ms. Mattie Ruth Gibson was born February 9, 1937, to the late Mr. Charlie Jefferson and Ms. Thelma Gibson in Lee County, Alabama.

She confessed Jesus Christ at an early age and joined St. Stephens C.M.E. Church where she was a faithful member until her death.

Mattie Ruth attended Flint Hill School in Salem, Alabama. She was employed with West Point Pepperrell in Valley, Alabama for several years. She was an active member at The Valley Senior Citizens Center. Mattie Ruth loved GOD and knew that she would not have made it far in life without HIM. She loved going to church and listening to gospel music. She enjoyed her life to the fullest. Her favorite activities included cooking, being a caregiver, reading the Bible, playing dominoes and cards, and doing puzzles. She was a frequent traveler with the Valley Senior Citizens Center and the Bradshaw Library Travelers' Group.

Mattie Ruth was a very humble servant and did not complain. Anything someone asked her to do, she was willing to do it even if she didn't feel it. She loved spending time with her family and believed that family was important. Although she was not a biological mother, she was blessed by God to not only be a caretaker but also a "mother figure" for her family and their children. Mattie Ruth truly loved children and they loved her in return.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Thelma Gibson Watts and Charlie Jefferson; her step-father, John Willie Watts; brothers, Dewey (Willie Gene) Gibson, Sammy Lee Ingram, and Willie Charles Watts; her cousin who was as a sister, Christine Gibson; and sister, Bernice Watts. On May 23, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia, GOD called her name, and she gained her wings.

Mattie Ruth is survived by: her cousins that she helped reared, Laverne Gibson (Rogers) Houston, Valley, AL, Willie Earl (Dorothy) Gibson, Kathleen, GA, Kenneth (Denise) Gibson, Warner Robins, GA and Talanda Carter, Hope Mills, NC; sister, Hattie Pearl Johnson, Auburn, AL; her dear cousin and caretaker, Takeshi LeShun Gibson, Valley, AL; and, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection.....Choir

Prayer of ComfortRev. Larry Threatts

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Rev. Frankie Hutchinson

New Testament Rev. George McCulloh

Musical Selection.....Choir

Reflections Please limit to (2) minutes

Acknowledgements Sis. Chiquita Gibson

Solo..... Rev. Willie G. Wimberly

EulogyRev. Bradley Gibson

Recessional

Interment

Fairview Cemetery

1335 River Road • Valley, Alabama



Look For Me In Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

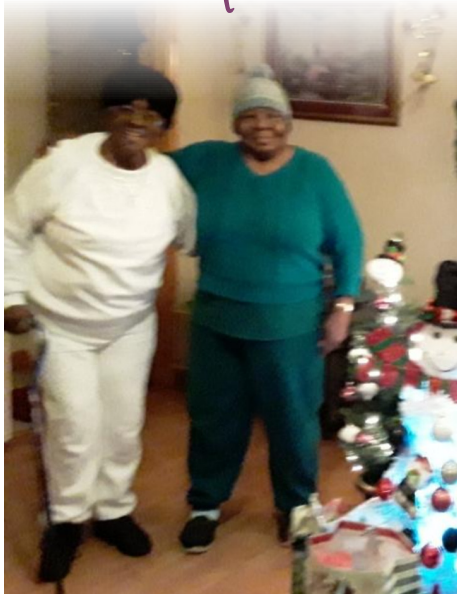
It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.



Precious Memories





In Our Hearts

We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday
And days before that, too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.



Precious Memories





Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Ms. Mattie Ruth Gibson, with grateful hearts, would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness and expressions of love and concern for us during this most difficult time. We appreciate it all and consider it an extension of God's love to us.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Metry and Dr. Tsai and their entire staff at St. Francis Hospital. To EAMC-Lanier Memorial Hospital, St. Stephens C.M.E. Church and the Valley Community, we also thank you. Please continue to keep us lifted in prayer during the days and weeks ahead.



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