

Psalm 23 – King James Version

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

“A Prayer”

Oh! Cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration, soften the ground of our bodies and carve out a space within us where your presence can abide, fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission, Let each of our actions bear fruit of your mission, let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desires, endow us with the wisdom to produce and share with each being which needs to grow and flourish, untie the tangles threads of destiny that bind us as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes. Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose that illuminates the opportunities of our present moment. For you are the ground, the truthful mission, the earth, the power and fulfillment as all is gathered been made whole again and so it is.

Acknowledgment

On behalf of our family, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of love, prayers, calls, visits, and acts of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your support and compassion have brought us comfort and strength as we celebrate the life and legacy of our loved one. May God richly bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and care.

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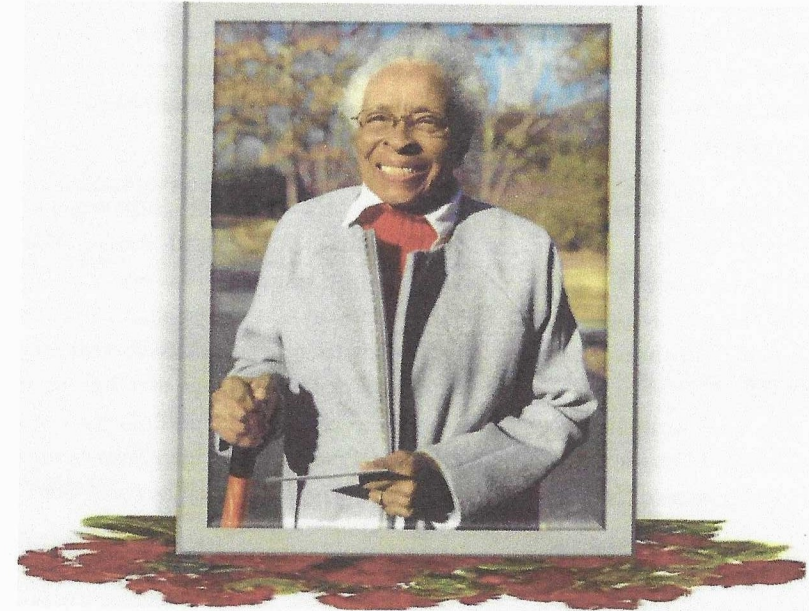
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Celebration of Life

Eudoxia “Sock” Martin Dalton

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

12:00 p.m.



Sunrise: May 26, 1926 Sunset: May 13, 2026

Hayes Chapel United Methodist Church

111 Hayes Chapel Drive
Madison, North Carolina

Rev. Paul Milton, Officiating

Mrs. Eudoxia Martin Dalton, a lifelong resident of Rockingham County, North Carolina, built a life deeply rooted in faith, family, education, and service. Born on May 26, 1926, she was the 12th of 14 children born to the late S. Roman and Annie McCollum Martin.

Eudoxia shared a devoted 57-year marriage with her beloved husband, Frank Dalton, whom she first met while working in her father's tobacco field near her childhood home. Together, they raised three children, cherished five grandchildren, and served faithfully in their church and community.

Her lifelong passion for education began at Madison Colored School, where she and her siblings walked three miles daily to attend classes. She went on to graduate from Hampton Institute in 1949 with a degree in elementary education. Returning home to Rockingham County, Eudoxia spent more than 30 years shaping the minds and hearts of young students. Known for her extraordinary dedication and care, she was honored as the Dillard Primary Teacher of the Year during the 1980s.

Eudoxia's commitment to service extended far beyond the classroom. She was an active member of the Modernistic Club, a charter member of the Roman and Annie Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc., and a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. A faithful pillar of Hayes Chapel United Methodist Church, she served in numerous capacities over the years, including church historian, Sunday school teacher, church secretary, and president of the United Methodist Women.

Driven by a love for her heritage, she was an avid genealogist who not only was the family historian and document holder, she volunteered her time with the Rockingham County Historical Society to help preserve local African-American history as well. She continued to serve as a tutor to children in the community well beyond her retirement.

Eudoxia found her greatest joy in gardening, hosting family gatherings, and nurturing those around her. She believed deeply that every child is special and that every day offers a "teachable moment"—a philosophy she beautifully lived out every day of her remarkable life.

Eudoxia was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Matthew Dalton, Jr., and her son Roman Martin (Mark) Dalton. She is survived by her daughters Lois Dalton Deve (Shanbay), and Ann Dalton Willis both of Madison, NC; daughter-in-law Tracey Troxler Dalton and family of Henderson, NC; grandchildren Asha Benton Vaughn (Aaron), Brianna Galbreath, Matthew Deve, Maya Deve, and Alana Willis, and great-grandchildren Alayna, Aubrey, and Galileo.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

FAMILY VISITATION - 11:30am - 12:00pm

WORDS OF GRACE

Rev. Pamela Blackstock

GREETING

Rev. Paul Milton

HYMN #452 - *My Faith Looks Up to The*

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament - Deuteronomy 33:24-27 Rev. Charles Carter

New Testament - John 13:33-36

Rev. Carmen Ford

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Rev. Paul Milton

HYMN #369 - *Blessed Assurance*

REFLECTIONS

Modernistic Club, Club Member
Maya Deve, Granddaughter

WORDS OF COMFORT

Rev. Paul Milton

HYMN #334 - *Sweet Sweet Spirit*

Frederick Fears

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

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**INTERMENT**

Immediately after service

Collins Cemetery, Madison, North Carolina

Repast - Hayes Chapel UMC