



A Gracious Woman

*She had a heart of gold,
understanding and true,
tenacious, gracious, kind, and meek.
That is who she was.*

*She embodied wisdom,
a gentle spirit,
and inner strength.
These qualities she carried with grace.*

*She gave birth to five children,
but was a mother to many.
Her magnificent efforts
and unwavering love
will be missed.*

— Your daughter, Dee

Active Pallbearers

Tyrone Robinson
Uzee Bradley VI
Isaiah Bethea (Janelle)
Jalen Bethea
LaTroy Flemming
David Vallentine
Michael Parker
Marcus Robinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Brandon George
Uzee Bradley V
Monteris Dixon (Mont)
Great-Great-Grandsons

Flower Attendants

Granddaughters
Great-granddaughters
Great-Great-granddaughters

Acknowledgements

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Repast

Unity Church 3:16 Reception Hall
281 E. 44th Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery Funeral Home and Crematory
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CELEBRATING THE LIFE

of
Katie

M. HIGHTOWER DAVIS

Sunrise

DECEMBER 28, 1929

Sunset

JANUARY 15, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 ~ 1:00 P.M.

ABYSSINIA BAPTIST CHURCH

10325 Interstate Center Drive

Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Reverend Dr. Eugene W. Diamond, Pastor



THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Katie

Katie Mae Hightower Davis, affectionately known as Ms. Daisy and lovingly called “Nanny” by many, was born on December 28, 1929, in Blakely, Georgia, to the late Carl B. Hightower and Rosie V. Hightower.

She spent her early years in Blakely, Georgia, surrounded by family, where strong bonds and shared experiences shaped her foundation. She was raised with her siblings, James Hightower and Annette Hightower Butler, and her half-sisters, Carolyn Hayes and Sarah Alexander. Family remained central to her life and a lasting source of strength. She began her schooling at Pleasant Grove Church School and attended Washington High School in Blakely. After relocating to Jacksonville, Florida, she received her high school diploma from Old Stanton High School and later proudly graduated from Edward Waters College.

Katie was united in marriage to Willie F. Davis and devoted herself fully to her family. She was the loving mother of Amos George, Robert George, Carolyn L. Henderson, Allison Bethea (Denise), and Der’yel “Dee” Robinson. She raised her children with a strong foundation rooted in faith, the importance of education, a deep love for family, and a clear sense of commitment. At the same time, she knew how to enjoy life. She loved going out to eat, playing bingo, working with numbers that always had to add up, watching football, shopping, traveling, and staying productive. For more than 60 years, Katie made her home in the Fairfax community of Jacksonville, where she was known for a steady presence, a source of wisdom, and someone others could always count on.

Katie dedicated 30 years of service to the City of Jacksonville, where she worked with the Division of Children and Families at the Juvenile Shelter. Her work placed her in direct care of children during some of the most difficult and uncertain moments of their lives. For three decades, she remained committed to supporting children and families with patience, empathy, and care. Throughout her years of service, Katie was recognized by the City of Jacksonville for her dedication and contributions to the children and families she served.

After retiring from city service, Katie chose not to slow down. She returned to caregiving as a Certified Home Health Aide, continuing to care for others and assisting families, including the Akins and Tyler families. In her later years, she remained active and employed, working as a Certified Security Guard with Safe Management until her passing.

Faith and service were woven into every part of Katie’s life. She was a devoted member of Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church, where she served in pastoral care, on the usher board, and as a Sunday School teacher. Her commitment to young people extended beyond the church and into the broader community. She served for many years on the Pop Warner board and volunteered with organizations supporting youth and families, including the Special Olympics, Girl Scouts, District 3 initiatives, the Neighborhood Watch Program, and local food pantries. Through her years of service, Katie was recognized by organizations such as Pop Warner, the Jacksonville Jaguars, Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church, and others who valued her dedication and impact.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl B. Hightower and Rosie V. Hightower; her husband, Willie F. Davis; her siblings, James Hightower and Annette Hightower Butler; her children, Amos George and Carolyn L. Henderson; and her grandchildren: Kwanda Renay Bradley and Brian George.

Katie leaves to cherish her memory her children, Robert George (Elisa), Allison Bethea (Denise), and Der’yel Robinson (Tyrone); her grandchildren, Phaleshia George, Alex George, Ivan George, Darnell George, April Hightower, Ja’Vania Harrison, Katerrius Greene (KT), Isaiah Bethea (Jamelle), Jalen Bethea, Uzee “Fatboy” Bradley IV, Cherretta Bradley, La’Trelle Valentine (David Valentine), La’Trese Flemming (Latroy Flemming), Tireshia Deloney (Damien Deloney), Micheal Parker, and Marcus Robinson; a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends who will deeply miss her presence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Minister Arezada Haynes, Presiding

PROCESSIONAL
Goodness of God

SCRIPTURES
Old Testament: Psalm 23
Min. Caron Allen

New Testament: Philippians 4:8-9
Rev. Darrien Bolden

INVOCATION
Min. Kim Allen

MUSICAL SELECTION “Stand”
Music Ministry

WORDS OF COMFORT
Dr. Eugene W. Diamond

MUSICAL SELECTION “Believe for It”
Music Ministry

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Sheila Butler

REFLECTIONS (please limit to 2 minutes)

As A Mentor:
Billy Starke

As An Adopted Son:
Ken Akinson

As A Grandchild:
Uzee Bradley IV

As A Daughter:
Allison Denise Bethea

REMARKS
Deacon Phillip Collins

RECESSIONAL
“Glory to His Name”

