



Mrs. Katheryn M. " Virginia" Buggs

January 6, 1930 - December 11, 2022

Obituary

Katheryn Virginia Martin-Buggs was the thirteen-child born on January 6, 1930, to the Honorable A.M.E. Pastor John Henry Martin and Katie Moore-Martin in Marigold, Mississippi. She was raised in the Delta (flatland) in Blaine, MS, a small town between Sunflower, MS and Dosis, MS. Her father was a "Sharecropper," and she worked the fields with her siblings picking cotton. Oftentimes, she relieved her mother from the arduous workload in the field, so her mother could maintain the household tasks. This gave great comfort to her aging mother.

Sacrifices like these were deeply embedded in Katheryn and evident to everyone around her including her siblings. As Katheryn's siblings began to age, those that needed care, she stepped in and became their caregiver as well as for other family members who needed care. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, siblings, husband Littleton Buggs, daughter Ellensteen "Patsy" Williams, sons Aljoyray "Ray" Buggs and Rickey Dean Buggs.

At an early age, Katheryn accepted Christ as her personal Savior and sang solos at both of her father's churches. One of her favorite solo's she sang was "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" and by request, she would sing "His eyes is on the Sparrow." She attended Raeford Elementary School in Sunflower, MS, then attended Stone Street High School in Greenwood, MS. Where she was a cheerleader and enjoyed crafting in her wood shop class. As a youth, Katheryn enjoyed the limbo, hula-hoop, playing basketball, riding her bike, and riding motorcycles with her brother James. Her favorite things to eat were parch peanuts, shrimp, French vanilla ice cream, and lemon cake.

Katheryn left Mississippi in 1948 at the age of 18 and went north to Kansas City, Missouri (KCMO). She joined St. Stephen's Baptist Church and the Usher Board under the leadership of Pastor John W. Williams were her brothers Minister Tommie and Deacon David Martin were also members.

In her spare time, she often went to the Castle Theater on 12th & Paseo to watch "picture shows" up to four hours or more. Her favorite genres were Western, Romance, Detective, and Religious. She also, enjoyed listening to Blues and Gospel music. Katheryn was a member of the "Domineers Social & Saving Dance Club" from 1953-1963.

On May 2nd, 1953, she married Littleton John "June" Buggs, and they raised five children until his demise on January 29, 1973.

Katheryn worked in the Laundry & Cleaning business for 35 years, Arthur Bryant's BBQ for 7 years, retired from Sears in 1993 then retired from UMKC in 1995. After retirement she continued to work part-time at the Meadowbrook Golf Club. She had great work ethics and took pride in everything she did. Living by one of her many quotes: "Do it right the first time then you want have to go back and do it again."

She has never been a stranger to anyone she encountered and enjoyed conversing with all levels of society. Katheryn had the gift of gab, a true social butterfly sometimes being “very frank” and seeing the good in everyone. Humorous she was, the family would say, she should have been a “Comedian.”

Katheryn was a great cook and kept a clean house. Another quote she would say, “It’s easier to be clean than it is to be nasty.” Her home was always opened for family and loved ones. FAMILY was the foundation of her LOVE, and you felt her unconditional LOVE whenever you were in her presence.

God called Katheryn home on Sunday, December 11, 2022. She leaves to cherish in her memories her devoted and loving children, son Anthony “Tony” Buggs, and daughter Cordelia “Dusty” (John) Black, granddaughters Rashaun Renea Morris, LaTisha Renee Todd-Buggs, Taela Monique’ Moyer’, Haleigh Ellen Morris, Athena Rose Williams, Kendra Black, Kamyia Dunson, Neveah Dunson, and Alizabeth Black, grandsons Antwine (Traci) Williams Sr., Chevalier’ Demetrius’ Moyer’, Antwine Williams Jr., Jamial (Ashley) Black, Justin Sievers, Danykis Dunson Jr., and Asher Black, Sister-In-Law Hattie Mae Cooper, a host of nephews, nieces, family, friends and a special friend/neighbor Cheryl Davis.

Funeral Service will be held Friday, December 30, 2022, 11:00 am at the Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Blue Ridge Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 am-11 am at the chapel. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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“ *What a beautiful person! Ms Katherine was my neighbor for many
years. I will truly miss my friend. Sending prayers up for all family
members. God bless you all. With sincere love from Cheryl Denise
Davis, the Hicks Family and The Rainey Family.*

Denise Davis - December 26, 2022 at 12:07 PM