



## Hattie Dennis

June 1, 1920 - March 27, 2017

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A Chapter completed, a page turned, a life well-lived, a rest well-earned...

Our Heavenly Father in His infinite Wisdom and Mercy called His beloved servant,

Hattie Dennis, home in the quiet of the early evening on Monday, March 27, 2017.

Our hearts were deeply saddened by the passing of our loved one who lived a life

of love, purpose, caring, service, and faith in God and now rests peacefully in the

bosom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, today her loved ones pause not

to grieve her passing but to thank God for her longevity, the cherished legacy she

leaves, and the wonderful life that our dearly beloved grandmother, aunt, relative

and friend lived. She was anchored in her faith and the faithfulness of her Savior

Jesus Christ. Therefore, we rejoice and are certain that heaven's golden gates swung open widely and welcomed her home into God's Kingdom!

Hattie was born June 15, 1920 to the late Junious and Pearle Watkins in

Bunn, NC.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Thomas Earl Hartsfield; husband, West

Dennis; and daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hartsfield Perry, two sisters, Lonie Mae Watkins

Thornton and Pearline Watkins Ellis; three brothers, Jesse, Junious and Floyd Watkins.

At an early age, she confessed her faith in Christ, joined the Gethsemane Baptist

Church where she remained a faithful member until she moved with her two children

to Washington, DC in the mid 1940's. She had an attitude of perseverance, worked

diligently as a domestic employee, provided for her children, saved, met and married

her late husband of many years; and together, they purchased their lifetime home in

northwest D.C. Soon after moving to DC Hattie joined the Canaan Baptist Church,

continued to be anchored in God's Word, seeking always to live a life pleasing to Him.

For decades she served on the Ushers Ministry at Canaan Baptist Church until recently

when her health failed. She enjoyed being in worship, loved and supported her Pastor,

her fellow ushers and church family, traveling with and supporting them whenever

she was able. She often spoke of the powerful and blessed sermons and the church

activities and events she witnessed and were blessed by them. In addition to the joy

of her church, Hattie also loved traveling, fishing, visiting her siblings, staying in touch

with her grandchildren, great granddaughters, family members, neighbors and friends.

Just last year, she and West flew to Missouri where they met other family members to

witness her youngest great granddaughter's graduation from Nursing School, a career

she herself wanted to pursue but could not due to certain circumstances. We will all

miss her moist, finger-licking, delicious coconut cakes, the best you could ever taste!

Hattie leaves a loving and devoted family and a multitude of friends.

Cherishing her

memories are three devoted grandchildren James Al Perry, Jr. (Shoddy) of Richmond,

Virginia, West Marcel Perry of Washington, D.C., and Yolanda Perry Valentine (LTC(R)

Elbert) of Harker Heights, Texas; two great granddaughters, Shanequa Yolanda

Valentine of Orlando, Florida and Shonté Yvonne Valentine of Lee's Summit, Missouri;

son-in-law, James Al Perry, Sr. of Harker Heights, Texas; two sister-in-laws, Carene

Watkins of Newark, NJ and Rosa Watkins of Orange Vurg, SC; a host of nephews and

nieces among them six devoted, Sylvia W. Lloyd of Waldorf, MD, Deacon Mary T. Kemp

of Richmond, VA, Joyce W. White (Elaine) of Newark, NJ, Tassie T. Brooks of Wake

Forest, NC, and Ann E. Carthern of Capital Heights, MD and one great niece  
Kendra  
Watkins of Atlanta, Georgia; and a host of other relatives, extended family,  
friends and  
longtime neighbors. To this list of family and friends we would like to include  
David  
and Muffy Shepard as her honorary adopted grandkids. She helped to raise  
you as  
your “Nanny” for many years and loved you dearly as if you were her own.

# Cemetery Details

## Maryland National Memorial Park

Baltimore Avenue (Rte 1)  
Laurel, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Caanan Baptist  
1607 Monroe Street, N.W..  
Washington, DC 20010

## Service

APR 10. 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Washington, DC 20010

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hattie Dennis*

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October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - April 05, 2017 at 09:28 AM