



## Mattie L. Bonner

March 3, 1941 - January 30, 2020

Mattie L. Bonner was born on March 3, 1941 in Williamston, North Carolina. Her family later moved to Suffolk, Virginia when she was a young child. She was the eighth of nine children born to the late Alexander and Rosa Bonner. She was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 30, 2020. Mattie was preceded in death by her loving sisters and brothers, Annie R. Jones, Marie Treadwell, Martha V. Sears, James E. Bonner, Alexander Bonner, William E. Bonner, and Robert L. Bonner. Affectionately known to her family as “Matt” or “Matt Jennifer”, she was educated in the Suffolk City Public Schools and graduated from East Suffolk High School in 1959. She later attended Cortez Peters Business College in Washington, D.C., one of the few black-owned private schools in the nation. Mattie moved from Suffolk and relocated initially to Baltimore, Maryland and later to the Washington D.C. area. Mattie retired from the U.S. Department of Education in 1996 after 35 years of service. Always willing to help, after her retirement, she later worked at Isle of Patmos Baptist Church as a secretary. She was recognized for 25 years of service in 2016. Raised in a Christian home, Mattie loved the Lord. She accepted Christ and dedicated her life to serving God at an early age, at Sixth Street Baptist Church in Suffolk, Virginia. She was a dedicated member of the Isle of Patmos Baptist Church where she served faithfully for over 50 years. She attended Sunday School, and helped bereaved families by working with the Culinary Committee to serve during Repasts. She was a member of the March Birthday Club, Senior Usher Board, and received an honor for

working with the Youth & Young Adult Usher Board. Mattie loved her family and her church. She was a loving, kind, and generous person to everyone. Her soft-spoken demeanor and sense of humor brought joy to everyone around her. Mattie was an excellent baker and made mouthwatering desserts. She had a special talent for baking sweet potato pies, chocolate cakes, and German chocolate cakes. In addition to baking, she also loved to travel, especially with her sister, Tillie. She had a love of beautiful and inspirational Black art, which she displayed in every room of her home. Mattie leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate a life well lived, her beloved sister, Tillie M. Bonner, three sisters-in-law, Grace Bonner, Charlotte Bonner, and Ruby Sears, one brother-in-law, Albert Sears, seventeen nieces and nephews, twenty-three great nieces and nephews, and twenty-eight great-great nieces and nephews. Mattie will be especially missed by her nephew Robert Boone, Sr. and his wife, Dorothy Boone, as well as her niece Pamela Ellis and the Ellis family, Phillip, Phillip, II, and Paige. A host of relatives, friends, and her church family will always remember her fondly. For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that everyone that believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life. John 3:16 (NRSV)

# Cemetery Details

## George Washington Cemetery

Adelphi, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Isle of Patmos Baptist Church  
1201 Rhode Island Avenue  
Washington, DC 20018

## Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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1201 Rhode Island Avenue  
Washington, DC 20018

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mattie L. Bonner*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Christ Loves Me  
We Love You*



Thomas Widgeon - February 06, 2020 at 05:41 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.*

Marshall-March Funeral Homes - February 04, 2020 at 10:31 AM