

## Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Morris Rivers, Jr.  
Mr. Michael Matthews  
Mr. Anthony Thornton

Mr. Richard Carter  
Mr. Aubrey Matthews

## Active Pallbearers

Mr. David Thornton, Jr.      Mr. Kevin Reynolds  
Mr. Brandon Carter      Mr. Brian Haney  
Mr. Timothy Rivers      Mr. Morris Rivers III

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## Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for your many acts of kindness, and the love that has been shown through texts, facebook, phone calls, visits and prayers.

Special thanks to Catherine McLendon, Cassandra Jordan, Arlean Ware, April Newman, Sharon Jackson, Collandra Crittendon, Chantel Floyd and the staff of Oakview Manor.

Special thanks to Connie King, Tonya Rogers, Kirsten Place and the entire staff of DaySpring Hospice.

A Joyful Celebration of the Life  
and Homegoing for

*Mrs. Mattie Bernice Thornton*



Sunrise  
March 11, 1924

Sunset  
September 5, 2020

Saturday, September 12, 2020  
10:00 am

Newman Mortuary  
114 Harper Drive  
Ozark, Alabama 36360

Reverend Alfonze Ross, officiating

## Obituary

Sister Mattie Bernice Thornton was the daughter of the late Mrs. Rosie Brown and Mr. Bishop Dyek of Ozark, Alabama. She confessed Christ at an early age and joined The Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until the Lord called her home, September 5, 2020 at 8:01 pm.

Sister Mattie enjoyed cooking and feeding the whole neighborhood. She also enjoyed having fun and eating with the ladies known as the "Walking Stick Club", that included the late Mrs. Phreddye Broome-Dixon, the late Mrs. Gussie Lee Dick and the late Mrs. Catherine Casey.

Sister Mattie was preceded in death by her mother and father; three brothers, Alvin, Ben and Louis Bouiye; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Smith and Mrs. Everie Shipmon; and three children.

She was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Deacon Oscar Thornton, and they were blessed with 11 children (twin boys and a daughter died shortly after birth).

She leaves to cherish her memory Pastor James (NathaLee) Thornton, Mrs. Pearlie Carter, Mrs. Barbara Stewart, Ms. Mattye McCray, Mrs. Rosie Matthews, Mr. Oscar Thornton, all of Ozark, Alabama; Mr. Earl Thornton, Jefferson, Wisconsin; Mr. David (Dorene) Thornton, Birmingham, Alabama; one adopted son, Mr. Cleveland (Pat) Ashley, Columbus, Georgia; one sister, Mrs. Lena White, Ozark, Alabama; a very special great-great granddaughter, Jenna Reynolds; a special caregiver, Maria Williams; a special friend, Deacon Willie C. Jones; 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren; special nephews, James and Ben Bouiye; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



## Order of Service

Inspirational Music.....	Mr. Lydon Jones
Old Testament.....	Pastor Walter Pogue
New Testament.....	Pastor James Thornton
Invocation.....	Deacon Carwin Sterling
Inspirational Selection.....	Family Members
Poem.....	Tequilla Thornton
Reflections and Words of Comfort.....	Pastor James Bouiye
Eulogy.....	Pastor Affonze Ross Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
Obituary.....	Read in Silence
Interment: Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery	

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### The Walk

Come with me,  
Let's walk towards the sun.  
The road seems far away.  
I promise, it is not long,  
but if by any chance  
you get tired along the way,  
please, do not hold back,  
and rest easy on my chest.

And listen to my heart,  
the things it wants to say.

It says,  
"I Love You,  
I Love You"  
with every beat it makes.