



Mattie's Story

Mrs. Mattie Belle Green, affectionately known as "Mother Green," was born on October 10, 1926, in Atlanta, Georgia. She was the third of four children born to the late Mr. & Mrs. George and Alice

Simmons. Her parents and three brothers (George, Jr., John "JD" Douglas, and Charles) all preceded her in death. She entered into eternal rest on November 19, 2017.

Mrs. Green was educated in the Atlanta Public School System. She attended E.P. Johnson Elementary School and David T. Howard and Booker T. Washington High schools. She was employed by Kessler's Department Store where she retired after twenty years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Green was truly a servant of the Lord. She joined Reed Street Baptist Church at an early age under the leadership of the late Reverend C.N. Ellis. It is here where she joined Usher Board No. 2 and faithfully served as President until the church relocated and became Paradise Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Green, along with thirty-nine other members, followed the late Reverend E.W. Lumpkin to become the founding members of Midway Missionary Baptist Church. She continued to serve as an usher until Rev. Lumpkin assigned her to the Mother's Board and appointed her President.

After the death of Reverend E.W. Lumpkin, Mother Green continued to faithfully serve and support her church under the new leadership of Reverend E.S. Reynolds and First Lady Reverend Judge Penny Brown Reynolds. She knew from the beginning that Pastor & First Lady Reynolds would take Midway Missionary Baptist Church higher and higher in the Lord. Mother Green genuinely loved and supported them.

Mother Green was an angel from heaven. She supported her church spiritually and financially and always had words of encouragement or just a beautiful smile for everyone. She faithfully supported the Youth Ministry of Midway because of her great love for children. She prided herself on being one of Santa's Helpers for the church because she loved buying toys for the children. Additionally, she was the first Mother to join the Mission Ministry which she supported very well because of her thirst for discipleship.

Mother Green loved everyone and everyone loved her. Her infectious laugh would light up a room. She lived by the motto: "There is some good in everyone." On any given day one could find her humming her favorite hymnal, "Blessed Assurance." Her beloved scripture that reminded her daily of God's grace is Psalm 23.

Mother Green leaves to cherish her precious memories, seven children who all loved, supported, and took care of her to the very end: James Simmons(Nina), Annie Mae Simmons, Janice V. Dudley(late Anthony), Sandra E. Wilson, Felita G. Roberson, Roderick Green(DeLynda), and Kennedy L. Green; fifteen grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

