



Mrs. Verna Lee Burrell Hatten

March 18, 1913 - June 29, 2014

Mrs. Verna Lee Burrell Hatten was born on March 18, 1913 in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Adam and Georgia Broom Burrell and the youngest of two brothers, Roy and Lawrence; and three sisters, Raphelia, Jessie and Lula. She departed this life on Sunday, June 29, 2014.

Mrs. Hatten was educated in the public schools of Richland County, and gained much wisdom through life experiences. She was employed by the Dixie Cookie Shop, Shandon Pie Shop, Fort Jackson, and retired from the Dreher Meat Packing company.

“Aunt Bea”, as she was affectionately known, was raised in a Christian home and accepted the call to serve the Lord at a young age. She joined Cedar Creek AME Church in the late 1930’s. She was the “Mother of the Church”, nurturing and touching the lives of others. The talent of jubilee singing was deeply embedded in her and she was the leader of the Jubilee Choir for more than forty years. Her outreach singing ministry included membership in the ZTCH Choir Union; she served in the capacity as the Chairperson of the Program Committee; she was a member of the Women’s Missionary Society; the Pulpit Aid and the Stewardess Board. This unwavering servant also served as the Superintendent of the Church School for fifty years.

Mrs. Verna Lee Burrell Hatten leaves to cherish loving memories; her sister-in-law, Julia A. Burrell; a devoted niece and caregiver, Mildred Burrell; other nieces, Georgia M. Bookert, Bernice Jarvis, Alice Jasmin, Julia Kelly, Gladys Overton, Jannette (Melvin) Whittemore, Verna Rose-Green, Barbara Burrell, Youtha (Donald) Worthy, Ethel (Rev. Shernard) Burrell-Barnes of Columbia, South Carolina; Loreen Talford, Mary Hayes and Daisy Talford of Great Falls, South Carolina; nephews, Lawrence (Pearl) Burrell, Jr., Frederick (Cheryl) Burrell, Stanley (Sonya) Burrell, all of Columbia, South Carolina, Rafe (Debra) Myers, Jr. of Jenkinsville, South Carolina, William (Magdeline) Talford, Ronald Talford, John Talford and Calvin Talford of Great Falls, South Carolina. She also leaves to cherish precious memories, three generations of additional nieces and nephews; cousins and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Services will be held 3:00 pm Sunday, July 6, 2014 at Cedar Creek Community Church, with interment to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends 6-8:00 pm Saturday, July 5, 2014 at Palmer Memorial Chapel. The family request that memorials and condolences be made on their web page @www.palmermemorialchapel.com

Tribute Wall



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“ Dear Family, though we are worn out and crushed by this mourning, let our hearts consider this: This is the path that has existed from the time of creation and will exist forever. Many have drunk from it and many will yet drink. As was the first meal, so shall be the last. May the master of comfort, comfort us, and be assured Aunt Bea that you been in our life has brought us joy, love and comfort.

I truly believe that if Aunt Bea could speak to us again these are the words she would have to say:

To my dearest family

Sister-in-law, Julia, Mildred and Children there are some things I would like to say. But first of all, I like to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there are no more tears of sadness; here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and He said, I welcome you. Its good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, They'll be here later on. I need you here so badly, you are part of my plan. There is so much that we can do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you...in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years, because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; but together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and Id like it for you too; that

as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who is in sorrow and pain; then you can say to God at night...My day was not in vain. And now I am contented... that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; just lend a hand to pick them up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when its time for you to go...from that body to be free, Remember you're not going...you're coming here to me. Love You Julia and Children.

From Your Children in Kentucky

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