

*The
Homegoing Celebration
Of
Louise Cunningham Alexander*



February 28, 1910 - July 14, 2002

*Saturday, July 20, 2002
12:00 Noon*

**Vaiden Friendship
Missionary Baptist Church**
801 Mulberry Street - Vaiden, MS

Reverend Wardell Sawyer, Officiating
Reverend Nick Reed, Pastor
Vaiden Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

~Tribute~

A Tribute To My Beloved Great-Grandmother Mrs. Louise Alexander "Momma"

My love for you has been passionate over the several years that I had the pleasure of sharing with you. My thoughts have grown deeper over the memories of you.

I have appreciated the affection, devotion, loyalty, and most of all the love that you have expressed to me as a Great Grandmother. My tears will forever flow like a river of joy because of the passion and the respect that I have for you as a person, not just as a Great Grandmother or mother to all of your children.

You have shown us "tough love" and have expressed to us what it feels like to be loved over the past ninety-two years with great admiration and dedication. There is nothing in this world that can change my thoughts of you and love I have for you. Your memory will forever and ever live on in each of us.

The laughter that you have created within this family around the kitchen table on Sunday afternoon, I will always cherish. I will always have those memories of you "fussing with Danielle about the refrigerator door, your cornbread after every meal, the telephone always ringing, and you always telling everyone "Not to Step on your Cane". Momma, you will truly be missed and the memories will forever be....

**Love You, Great-Granddaughter, Tinny
Letonya M. James**



Momma, I will always love and miss you. You were the one to comfort me when God took "Myme". You were the one to support me, especially when I was wrong. You were the one who told me what everybody else said, did, or needed to do, and you were always my critic who inspired me to lead.

**For It All, I Thank You!
Pat "Twis"**

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mrs. Louise Cunningham Alexander** wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all their friends for the innumerable expressions of kindness shown and the love and sympathy extended during their bereavement.

"Friends give us strength at this time of sorrow... Faith gives us hope for every tomorrow."

Pallbearers

Sammie Cain
Ricky Kinney
Cade Davis

James Meeks
Robert Myles
Emmitt Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Grandsons

Repat

Vaiden Friendship Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Interment

Vaiden Community Cemetery

Entrusted Arrangements

**Roberts & Son Mortuary
524 Lindsey Roberts, Sr. Memorial Drive
Winona, MS**



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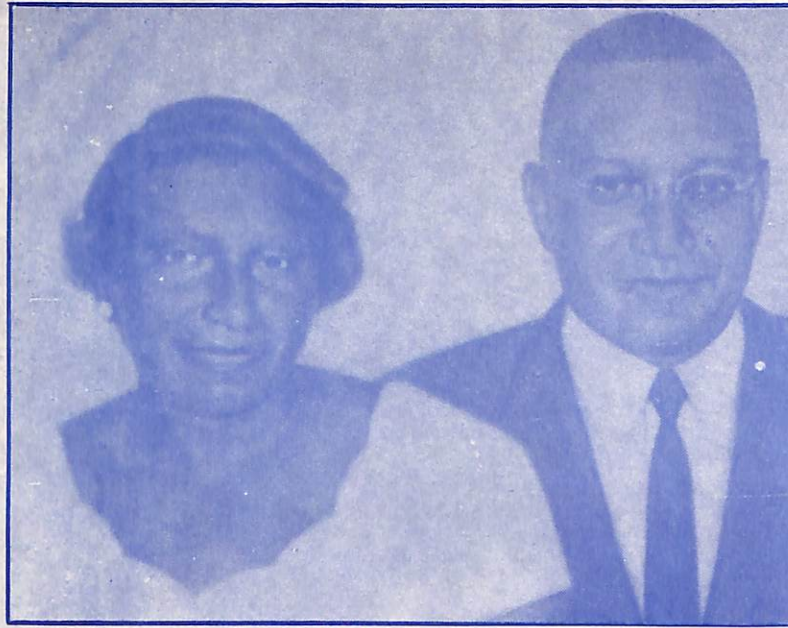


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God's Stairway

Step by step we climb each day
Closer to God with each prayer we pray
For "the cry of the heart" offered in prayer
Becomes just another "Spiritual Stair"
A beautiful place where we live anew...
So never give up for it's worth the climb
To live forever in "endless time"
Where the soul of man is safe and free
To live in love through eternity!

- M** - The many, many provisions you made for us
- O** - You remembered others, too, from dawn to dusk
- T** - So great are your deeds only time could tell
- H** - Your heart of love that never failed
- E** - Your eye of compassion as our lives unfold
- R** - "Right is the only way", in our lives she molded.

We Thank God for Our Mother

The Life Of Louise Cunningham Alexander

Louise Cunningham Alexander was born February 28, 1910, the third of eight children born to Julie and Amos Cunningham in Carroll County, Mississippi. Growing up, Louise was a hard worker who enjoyed doing things around the home. Even though she did not have many years of formal education, Louise was a self-taught and wise woman, modeling after the Christian women in her family, home, and community.

As a young lady, Louise met and married Richard James Alexander on June 16, 1927, and they celebrated their 40 year union until his untimely death December 4, 1967. Seven children were born to Louise and Richard, and they reared and trained their family in a Christian home filled with life and love. Three children, Edwin, Monroe, and Mattie Alexander preceded her in death.

Having lived in Vaiden, MS most of her adult life was a blessing for Louise. She often recounted her life stories and situations to family and friends. In December 1990, she relocated to Memphis, Tennessee after a tornado destroyed the family home. Louise had many talents such as quilting, canning, and "bottoming" chairs. When visiting her home whether in Vaiden or in Memphis, she was always hospitable and made guests feel at home by offering them homemade food and goods such as her cakes, fried pies, "chow-chow", and fruits and vegetables from her garden. Louise's dedication to her Vaiden Friendship Church Family and community was a significant part of her life. She was always concerned about her family and friends "down home" and she demonstrated her love and support through prayer and financial contributions. Louise served as a member of the Usher Board and Pastor's Aid Club and was the OLDEST MEMBER of Vaiden Friendship.

Throughout her life, Louise maintained and demonstrated her faith in God. No matter how little she had, she generously shared with others. Her testimony was that her children, grandchildren, and other family members would be blessed by her giving.

On Sunday night, July 14, 2002, Louise quietly took her eternal rest. Memories of Louise will be cherished by her loving children: Sarah Alexander (Danielle Nathaniel), Pat (Jerry) McGhee, Marcus Alexander, all of Memphis, TN, Ella (Lonnie) Polk, Woodson Alexander, and James (Hattie) Alexander, all of Chicago, IL; fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, two sisters, Evelena Davis and Susie Mae Kinney, both of Vaiden, MS; four sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who love her dearly.

~Order Of Service~

Processional

Scripture & Prayer Reverend Nick Reed, Pastor
Vaiden Friendship Baptist Church

Selection Vaiden Friendship Baptist Church Choir

Expressions: three minutes

Church Member & Friend Sister Minnie Coker
Family Friend Brother Clifford Dance
Adopted Son Brother Vincent Wilson, Sr.

Words of Comfort Reverend Clifton Harris
Cummings Street Baptist Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Instrumental Solo Brother Marcus Jarmon
"Precious Lord" (Great-grandson)

Resolutions & Acknowledgements Sister Dianne Ellis

Solo Sister Michelle Alexander
(Granddaughter)

Eulogy Reverend Wardell Sawyer, Pastor
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Bryant Chapel Baptist Church
Grenada, MS

Recessional



Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

