



Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell

January 1, 1923 - November 2, 2016

Ms. Mergie Ree "Big Mama" Watson-Howell, 93, of Waldo, AR., passed away November 2nd at Magnolia Health & Rehab.

She was born January 14, 1923 in Lillie, LA. to the late Allen Beck Sr. and Ethel Braggs.

She was a homemaker and work in housekeeping for Magnolia Hospital for several years. She was a member of New Bethel A.M.E. Church in Waldo, AR. At an early age, she united in Holy matrimony with the love of her life, Melvin Watson, to this union ten children were born. Later in life she married Thurman Howell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother; Allen Beck, Jr., one sister; Willie Bell Sanders, one god-daughter; Margie Martin Jackson, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild.

Survivors include; three sons; Nelson Watson & wife Aurga of Eudora, AR, Melvin Watson, Jr. & wife Maxine of Waldo, AR. Wiley Watson of Milwaukee, WI. Seven daughters; Mrs. Ernestine Payne, Mrs. Estene Adair & husband Rev. T.W. Adair, Mrs. Lula Briggs, Mrs. Gladys Ford & husband Floydell, Mrs. Lillie Bell Dunn & husband Lenwood, Mrs. Ora Radford, Mrs. Mary Smith & husband Calvin all of Waldo, AR. A devoted god-daughter; Mrs. Bobby Roy of

Waldo, AR. two devoted aunts; Mrs. Frank Sheppard & Mrs. Eva Carmichael of Little Rock, AR. A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, great great great-grandchildren, two nieces; Ms. Ruby Cheatham and Mrs. Jennie Ann Martin. A devoted friend; Tracy Cornelious of Waldo, AR.

Homegoing celebration will be held Saturday, November 12th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Columbia District Auditorium in Magnolia, AR., with burial to follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Waldo, AR. Under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC of Magnolia, AR. Officiating will be Bro. Jeffers Jefferson.

Visitation Friday from Noon till 5: p.m. at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

821 E. McKissack
Waldo, AR 71770

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell.*



November 11, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *To Mrs. Mergie Watson Family,*

I pray that Mrs. Mergie R.I L. Praying for the beautiful family and loved ones at this difficult time.

Mary Helen Shaw Joseph



Mary Helen Shaw Joseph - November 10, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Regina Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell*



Regina Henderson - November 09, 2016 at 11:58 PM

FT

“ From the TDEC Accounts Payable Team purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell.



From the TDEC Accounts Payable Team - November 09, 2016 at 10:23 AM

AH

“ Amelia Hampton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell



Amelia Hampton - November 08, 2016 at 10:06 PM

 Kathy Jamerson

“ Kathy Jamerson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell



Kathy Jamerson - November 08, 2016 at 09:53 PM

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“ To the family of "Ms. Mergie", I extend my heartfelt condolences in the passing of your mother, grandmother, great grandmother or whatever her relationship to you might have been. God blessed her with many days of joy and happiness surrounded by her family. I can still hear her calling one of her many grandchildren to do something for her. May God bless you as you go through this difficult time and know that God is Able.

Holly L Harris - November 08, 2016 at 06:41 PM

KL

“ *Isaiah 41:10 fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* ”



Keosha Love - November 08, 2016 at 09:23 AM

MJ

“ *Melvin Madison Jr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell* ”



Melvin madison jr - November 07, 2016 at 06:56 PM

SW

“ *Gladys I am praying for you all!!! I Love You all!!!* ”



Sudie Ward - November 03, 2016 at 01:48 PM

MF

“ *May it bring you comfort to know that others are thinking of you and praying for you as you mourn the passing of your love-one (Mrs. Mergie Watson-Howell). May God continue to bless each of you.* ”



Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Easter Jr. and Family - November 03, 2016 at 11:39 AM

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“ *Sudie Ward sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Mergie "Big Mama" Beck Watson-Howell*



Sudie Ward - November 02, 2016 at 09:03 PM