

You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.



Acknowledgment

The family of Martha Alice Gordon would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to each of you for your many acts of kindness. We especially thank you for your calls, visits, thoughts, prayers, and gestures of love.

May God bless you and keep you.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Martha Alice Gordon

MAY 22, 1931 ~ FEBRUARY 14, 2012



Monday, February 20, 2012

Wake: 11:00 A.M. ~ Service: 11:30 A.M.
Second New Hope Baptist Church
2917 East 116th Street
Cleveland, Ohio
Rev. Frank Young, Officiating

Order of Service

- Organ Prelude.....Soft Music
- Processional.....Minister, Deacons, Deaconess, and Family
- Family Visitation.....
- Scripture.....Old Testament, Rev. John Curry
New Testament, Rev. Willie Mathews
- Prayer.....Rev. Chelton Flanagan
- Selection.....Church Choir
- Acknowledgements and Resolution....Church Clerk, Janice Moultrie
- Remarks.....
- Obituary.....Read Silently
- Selection.....Sister Altha Brown
- Eulogy.....Rev. Frank Young, Pastor Second New Hope Baptist
- Recessional.....The Family



Interment

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
Rittman, Ohio

(Please turn on headlights during processional to cemetery.)

Repast

The family will receive guests in the lower dining hall immediately following the service.

Obituary

Martha Alice Gordon was born on May 22, 1931 in Cleveland, Mississippi to John Henry Johnson and Lottie Allen. She was preceded in death by her loving parents; her husband Frank Gordon; and her sister Marilyn Seay.

Martha moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1945. She graduated from John Hay High School. Martha and Frank Gordon were united in Holy Matrimony. They were blessed with three children.

Martha joined Second New Hope Baptist Church in 1958 under the Late Rev. J.W. Allen where she and Mr. Gordon served as Deacon and Deaconess. They served their church faithfully throughout the years. During her tenure as a church member, Martha served in the following Ministries: Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Coordinator, Director of Christian Education, Vice President of the Leadership Council, and on The Repast Committee.

She was very active in her Christian life serving as Treasurer and Cotillion Coordinator in The Progressive Baptist District. She also was a member of the Ohio State Baptist Convention and Youth World Alliance. She traveled throughout the United States and the world (Africa and Japan) spreading the Good News of our Lord and Savior.

She had a fondness in her heart for our youth. She served as an organizer and coordinator for the annual Christian Youth Retreats and the Organized Youth Skating Fundraiser.

Martha passed away on February 14, 2012. Martha's memory will be cherished by her loving daughter, Verna McCombs (Rodney); her two devoted sons Timothy (Annette) and Joseph (Jacqueline); stepchildren, Debra Howard and Frank Gordon Jr.; two sisters, Jolly Marshall (Ft. Worth, Texas) and Arlene Johnson (Chicago, Illinois); one brother, Christopher Ayers (S. Dakota); nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and a host of niece, nephews, cousins and friends.