

Honorary Pallbearers

R. Shaka Hodges
R. Anwar Hodges
R. Asheley Hodges

Robert M. Martin, Sr.
Clifford G. Martin
Timothy W. Martin

Willie Brown

Pallbearers

Annivesta Missionary Baptist Church Deacons

Dea. Cecil Brown
Dea. Milton Bussey, Sr.
Dea. William Epps
Dea. Richard Drayton
Dea. Sam Dyley, Jr.

Dea. Sam Dyley, Sr.
Dea. Lerory Morrison, Sr.
Dea. Richard Mungin
Dea. Harold Ravenel, Sr.
Dea. Earl Wright, Sr.

Floral Bearers

Annivesta Missionary Baptist Church Ushers

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Celebrating the Life

of

First Lady Martha L. Hodges

Alpha

December 18, 1949

Omega

January 1, 2011



Thursday, January 6, 2011

11:00 A.M.

Old Ashley Baptist Center

3275 Old Pond Rd
Johns Island SC

~ Interment ~

Annivesta Missionary Baptist Church

The Obituary

Martha L. Hodges began her pilgrimage on December 18, 1949 in Charleston, S.C. She was the daughter of the late Rev. Samuel J. Martin Sr. and Nathalee B. Martin. She transitioned from labor at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Roper Hospital.

Martha accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Samaritan Baptist Church in Bennetts Point, S.C. She would later serve faithfully as First Lady at Jordan Baptist Church, Samaritan Baptist Church, First African Baptist Church and Annivesta Missionary Baptist Church.

Martha received her early education from Sanders Clyde Elementary School and graduated from Charles A. Brown High School in 1968. She continued her schooling at Wilberforce University where she received a Bachelor's degree. She later received a Master's Degree from the College of Charleston and a second Master's Degree from the Citadel in Education Administration.

Martha's educational training prepared her for teaching assignments at various Elementary Schools. She was promoted to an Assistant Principal and later Principal – all positions which allowed her to impact the lives of many. Martha was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

In June 1972, Martha was joined in holy matrimony to Rev. Robert L. Hodges. God blessed them with 3 sons, R. Shaka, R. Anwar, and R. Asheley Hodges.

She leaves her memories to live on in the hearts of her husband of 38 years, Rev. Robert L. Hodges; her sons, R. Shaka, R. Anwar, and R. Asheley; Her siblings, Elizabeth L. Simmons (Joseph), SC, Anna E. Martin, NJ, Sarah A. Martin, GA, Robert M. Martin, Sr., SC, Clifford G. Martin (Janet), GA, and Timothy W. Martin, GA.

Her aunts and uncles; Ann Monteiro (Bernard), Albertha Martin, Willie Brown (Rebecca), Dorothy Brown, and Pheobe Williams; Five brothers-in-law; Cornelius Hodges (Gertie), NY, William Hodges (Delores), NY, Rev. Kenneth Hodges (Patricia), SC, Joel Hodges (Leah), SC, Willie Wright (Lilly), SC; Five sisters-in-law, Yassie Hodges, MD, Nadine Wright, NY, Maybelle Harris (Robert), NY, Marilyn Mitchell (James), GA, and Evelyn Wright, MD.

Devoted friends; Mabel Ferguson (Larry), Rev. Nelson Rivers, III (Carolyn), Ruth J. Robinson; Adopted families, Maine Frazier-Oree, and Ella Belle Harrison; Along with a host of nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ezekiel Martin and Samuel J. Martin, Jr.

Martha...



Delta Sigma Theta

Order of Service

The Honorable Reverend Kenneth F. Hodges, Officiating
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Beaufort, SC
Moderator, Old Ashley Baptist Association

Processional	"Praise Him"
Opening Selection	"It's A Highway to Heaven"
Prayer	Reverend William Salley Jerusalem Baptist Church, Charleston, SC
Choral Response	"Beams Of Heaven" Annivesta & First African Baptist Churches
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament – Psalms 27	Reverend Dr. Abraham Murray Brick Baptist Church, St. Helena Island, SC
New Testament – Philippians 4:4-9	Reverend John Alston Calvary AME Church, Edisto Island, SC
Solo	Bro. Malcolm Ancrum "Jesus Cares"
Remarks	Deacon Sam Dyley, Jr., Annivesta Deacon Franklin Fields, First African Mrs. Mabel Ferguson, Friend
Solo	Sis. Karen Brown
Remarks	Sis. Roberta Simmons, Minister's Wives Ms. Sarah Martin, Sister
Solo	Sis. Marlene Holmes "Because of Who You Are"

Acknowledgements/Resolutions	Sis. Pamela Mungin
Hymn of Preparation	Annivesta & First African Baptist Churches "God is Real"
Words of Comfort	Reverend Nelson B. Rivers, III Charity Missionary Baptist Church, North Charleston, SC
Selection	Annivesta & First African Baptist Churches "I Done Done What He Told me to Do"
Committal and Benediction	
Parting View	
Recessional	

Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones; Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever safely home in heaven at last;
Did you wonder if I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illuminated every dark and fearful glade.
And he came Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you will not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust our Father's Will.
There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth, You shall rest in Jesus's land.
When work is all completed, He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting. Oh the joy to see you come!

Loving Memories...



WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not here to see.
If the sun should rise and find your
eyes filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry,
the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you.
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand.
That Jesus came and called my name
And took me by the hand.
And said my place was ready
in heaven far above.
And that I'd have to leave behind
all those I dearly love.
So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

