



Alice Lavinia Gattis

December 6, 1926 - October 18, 2020

Mother Alice Lavinia Gattis departed this world on October 18, 2020 peacefully in her sleep. Mother Alice L. Gattis was born December 6, 1926 in Laurel, Delaware to the union of the late George Handy Truitt and Harriet Ann Oney Truitt. She was the last surviving of thirteen (13) siblings. Mother Alice Gattis attended the Delaware school system.

Mother Gattis was a faithful member, and her love, dedication, and loyalty was centered on the church. She worshipped in missions in the Supreme Council of the House of Jacob throughout the east coast. She attended church as a child and young adult with her mother in Portsville, Delaware and later in Salisbury, Maryland. Mother Gattis even held church service in her home. She played the piano with enthusiasm, and had a love for the music. As a result of her musical gift of playing the piano, she shared her talent and patience with others. She was Bible School supervisor and teacher, Secretary of several auxiliaries, financial clerk, etc.

Mother Alice was a graduate of Bible School in the House of Jacob, and she was licensed to preach the gospel. Over the years, she served under several pastors. In Portsville, Delaware the late Presiding Elder Norman Hubbard was her pastor. In Salisbury, Maryland the late Advanced Presiding Elder Lucious Brown was her pastor. Other pastors, in Salisbury were Advanced Presiding Elder Samuel Leatherbury, Senior Bishop James Zerubbabel Terrell, and

currently Advanced Presiding Elder Leon Burks Senior until her death.

Mother Alice Lavinia Gattis did field work as a young child until she was of age to work as a young adult. She worked for Marvel Packing Company in Sharptown, and Hebron, Maryland for twenty-five (25) years. Mother later worked for Laurel Clothing Company for ten (10) years until she retired. She did not retire from the church, but worked for the Lord until she was unable to due to her health.

Mother Alice Gattis was preceded in death by her late husband, Deacon Clinton Gattis. There were also Twelve (12) siblings, which included three members of the Supreme Council of the House of Jacob. They were Deaconess Annie Mary Penn, Deaconess Elizabeth Hyland, and Brother Johnny Truitt. She had two children, one of whom preceded her in death, James Roger Brown, and one granddaughter, Sister Antonia Denisa Truitt Jones.

Mother Alice Lavinia Gattis is survived by her Daughter, Sister Ida Mae Truitt Brown and four grandchildren, Alice Dennis, Camelle Farrare, Roxanne Farrare, and Vernon Kenny. There are also fifteen (15) great grandchildren, thirteen (13) great great grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be long remembered by her family, church family, and friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted ~ The Family

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mother Gattis, my Stepmother for 37 years, will always be remembered as a loving Mother. She guided me through some of my most delicate years. My memories of her will be forever in my heart. Thank you Mother Alice for loving me as your own. I will carry my blessings from you forward to others. Matthew 25:23 "His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord".Love,Phyllis Gattis-Austin & Family*

Phyllis Gattis-Austin - March 21, 2021 at 07:12 PM

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“ *Mtr. Alice was always a joy to be around. Honest with a caring heart, I remember her kind words, her piano playing at church, and her love for others and the Lord. She will be missed.*

Grace Terrell - October 26, 2020 at 04:15 PM