



Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews

October 31, 1951 - July 6, 2021

Meriel Malecia Matthews, age 69, was called home on July 6, 2021. Meriel, known to everyone as “Bay”, “Mum Bay”, or “Baby Sis”, was born on October 31, 1951, in Chestertown, Maryland, to the Late John and Lucy Daniels. She attended school in Kent County, Maryland, graduating from Chestertown High School. Babe, as her mother called her, was known as one of great beauty. She capitalized on her beauty by modeling for Bonnets clothing store. She loved being a majorette and bragged on how well she could twirl a baton. Her youth and her beauty landed her in many of Kent County newspaper articles.

After high school, Bay decided she wanted to venture to Baltimore, Maryland. If you knew her, you knew that she loved to cook and clean. She made a name for herself by decorating and feather dusting walls for people. She had her first daughter, Toye Norris, in 1970. She later married, gained a bonus daughter, Keisha Matthews-King, and then had her last daughter, Nekia Johnson (Donte), in 1979.

Baby Sis later returned to her hometown of Chestertown. Although she had her struggles in life, she never ceased to show hospitality and love to her family and friends. When visiting Bay, you could not stop by without leaving with a bag full of goodies, or a full stomach. She was known for her signature dishes such as crab cakes, rice pudding, fried potatoes, hamburgers with gravy on them, and homemade white potato pies. Bay loved people and

would do any and everything for you. She was well known and loved by so many. She loved to walk the streets of Chestertown hollering, at all she knew with a smile on her face.

Meriel was preceded in death by her grandmother, Mary Comegys; aunts, Lilian Blake Bartley and Ida Burk; brother, Mark Daniels; and nephew, Melvin Brandford III.

Bay leaves to celebrate her memories, two sisters, Veronica Rochester and Clarissa Daniels; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren, two nephews; four nieces; and a host of great nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Chestertown
855 High St.
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-2161
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Love & Prayers from The Ringgold Family*



Michelle Ringgold - July 17, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews.*



July 16, 2021 at 08:23 PM

NW

“ *Niara Wilson lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Niara Wilson - July 16, 2021 at 09:36 AM

LF

“ *Love Monika Cassellius and family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews.*



Love Monika Cassellius and family - July 16, 2021 at 01:11 AM

DP

“ *May god bless the family through this sad time.just keep on praying n God will see you through*



Diane Phillips - July 15, 2021 at 07:01 PM

DJ

“ *Denise Joens lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Denise Joens - July 15, 2021 at 11:09 AM

DJ

Praying for the family!

Denise Joens - July 15, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews.*



July 15, 2021 at 08:55 AM

GM

“ GMRE purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews.



GMRE - July 14, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ Areatha Perkins lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews



Areatha Perkins - July 12, 2021 at 10:15 PM

SO

“ Family I send you my condolences. I pray God strength upon you all. She was truly loved by me . Love you all. Cousin Sonya



Sonya - July 10, 2021 at 12:19 PM

NI

“ NikaLively lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews



NikaLively - July 10, 2021 at 07:47 AM

CG

“ As a Little boy growing up in the 60's, it was love at first sight, until my other cousin Mr. Author Martin came along and snatched you away from me!!!! Smiles However, I Pray That Almighty God Will Be Just As Pleased With You, As All of Us In The Family Were, Down Through The Years.

Cousin: Little Gerald - July 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DP

May god bless the family through this time just keep on praying n don't give up because God got you all.it may seen rough but he will see you through (Diane Phillips)

Diane Phillips - July 10, 2021 at 09:41 PM

CG

“ Cousin Little Gerald lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews



Cousin Little Gerald - July 09, 2021 at 11:53 PM

TD

“ She would be taking her evening stroll I would wave to her. Gonna miss those moments. Continued Prayers to the family



Tresstine Deaton - July 09, 2021 at 10:48 PM

DD

“ *Denise Duffin lit a candle in memory of Meriel
Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Denise Duffin - July 09, 2021 at 07:23 PM

NB

“ *Nicole Black lit a candle in memory of Meriel
Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Nicole Black - July 09, 2021 at 06:47 PM

AB

“ *My condolences to family*

Angela Blake - July 09, 2021 at 06:44 PM

AB

“ *Angela Blake lit a candle in memory of Meriel
Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Angela Blake - July 09, 2021 at 06:42 PM

FE

“ *Feliciacaulk lit a candle in memory of Meriel
Melissa Daniels Matthews*



feliciacaulk - July 09, 2021 at 06:39 PM

KM

“ *Kennita Matthews lit a candle in memory of
Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Kennita Matthews - July 09, 2021 at 06:38 PM

KD

“ *Karen Dulin lit a candle in memory of Meriel
Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Karen Dulin - July 09, 2021 at 05:42 PM

JW

“ *Janice Warren lit a candle in memory of
Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Janice Warren - July 08, 2021 at 10:50 PM

DB

“ Donald Brooks lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews



Donald Brooks - July 08, 2021 at 11:00 AM

GT

“ Gwen Towson lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews



Gwen Towson - July 08, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Praying for the family



Sharon McClinton - July 08, 2021 at 07:53 AM

JS

“ James Munson Sr. lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews



James Munson Sr. - July 07, 2021 at 04:14 PM

JS

May The Almighty Saviour continues to strengthen the family during this difficult time, try to hang in there !!!

James Munson Sr. - July 13, 2021 at 10:58 AM

VP

“ *Voncille Phillips lit a candle in memory of Meriel Melissa Daniels Matthews*



Voncille Phillips - July 07, 2021 at 01:23 PM