



Mrs. Mattie Ann Gaskins

February 21, 1919 - January 29, 2009

Our beloved, Mattie S. Gaskins, slipped quietly into the arms of Jesus on Thursday, January 29, 2009, at the Sentara Careplex Hospital, Hampton, Virginia, following a brief illness. She was born in Florence, South Carolina to the late John and Josephine Small on February 21, 1919; moved to Newport News, Virginia with her family when she was a young girl and spent most of her adult life in this locality. She married the late Emmanuel Gaskins, Sr. in November 1942, and to this union, one son was born. She was a devoted wife and mother and loved by her family. Following her marriage, she moved with her husband and son to New Jersey where she spent many years as a cook in the family restaurant business. In the late 1980's, the family relocated to Newport News and she joined the St. Timothy Church of Christ (Holiness) USA. She was actively involved in several church ministries: Women's Chorus, Senior and Mass Choirs, CWWW # 1 Missionary Band and Sunday school. She was full of life, always wore a beautiful smile, and enjoyed fashioning herself in a suit, hat, gloves, purse, high heels and all other accessories that would complete her outfit. It would be remiss not to mention that she could really strut. Sister Gaskins was preceded in death by her husband, parents, five brothers and three sisters. She leaves to cherish her memories, one son, Emanuel Gaskins, Jr.; one sister, Letha M. Jennings; one sister-in-law, Orscelia J. Small, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Viewing will be held February 4th, 2009 from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at the M. E. Fisher Funeral Home Chapel, 2117 Madison Ave. Newport News,

VA. Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 5th, 2009 at St. Timothy Church of Christ (Holiness) USA. 1711 Madison Ave. Newport News, Va., at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Hampton Memorial Gardens.