

Celebrating the Life of...

SUNRISE

January 20, 1921

SUNSET

November 1, 2017



MRS. HATTIE HANDY

Manning

Saturday, November 11, 2017

1:00 p.m. CT

Powell Chapel United Methodist Church

100 3rd Place NE, LaFayette, AL

Reverend Dr. Randy Kelley, Pastor | Officiating

The Obituary

Hattie was born January 20, 1921 to the late Elisha S. and Essie J. Handy in Snow Hill, Alabama. Her family relocated to LaFayette shortly after she was born. She graduated from Chambers County Training School, LaFayette, where her father was the school principal. In addition, Hattie was a 1943 graduate of Tuskegee University receiving both B. S. and M. A. degrees in Home Economics. She began her teaching career at the Snow Hill Institute as a Home Economics instructor and later taught in the Eufaula School District until her retirement. Hattie was a faithful member of Powell Chapel United Methodist Church for many, many years, serving in several roles including Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee.

Hattie was the devoted Matriarch of the Handy Family providing guidance, counseling, and encouragement to her many nieces, nephews, including grand and great. Her passions were gardening, farming, cattle and horses. She ran and managed Handy Farm for the duration of her life and will be fondly remembered for hosting the "Country Boys Riding Club Horse Show". She was also dedicated to continuing the work of her mother, Essie J. Handy. She managed the Essie J. Handy Memorial cemetery for many years and was instrumental in growing, stabilizing, and transitioning the cemetery operations to the City of LaFayette. Hattie was a revered and celebrated community icon, receiving acclamations for her work, vision, and dedication to community over an incredible lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, her parents, Elisha S. and Essie J. Handy, her brothers Ralph M., Christopher C., and Elisha S. Handy Jr.; her sisters F. Knightingale Bradford, Macie Williams, Elizabeth Tyler, June Nunn, Jewell Gresham-Nemiroff, niece Macie Jones and nephews Michael Nunn, Maurice Handy and The-ron Handy.

Hattie is survived by her brother Albert E. (Cathy) Handy ; eight nephews Ralph Handy, Chris Handy, J.C. Williams, Paul Nunn, Marty Nunn, Terry Handy, Albert Handy, James Tyler; six nieces Joi Gresham-Conant, Tammy Nunn, Alicia Handy, Cathy Handy, Elizabeth Handy and Joyce Anne Handy; many grandnieces and nephews and great grandnieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Invocation

HymnPowell Chapel Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament (Proverbs 31: 10-31)Rev. Cecilia Broome

New Testament (Revelation 14: 13) Rev. Pete Gresham

A Family Tribute Tim and Joi Conant

The Obituary Zachary Nunn

Song of PraiseJeanette Davis

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

A Family Thank YouAlbert E. Handy

AcknowledgementsBarbara Powell

The EulogyRev. Dr. Randy B. Kelley

“Be Prepared For The Celebration”

Recessional

Postlude

Repast.....Powell Chapel United Methodist Church

Immediately following Graveside Service

In memory of Mrs. Hattie Handy Manning, donations may be made to the Essie J. Handy Cemetery Association, c/o Farmers and Merchants Bank, LaFayette, AL.



Hattie

Her voice

Attracts

Those who come

To discover that

In our hearts and commitments lie

Everything that is important

Her way is to remain

At the place where we can

Turn when we need

To recapture

In our hearts

Everlasting memories of home

Home is a place where

A daughter/sister/aunt/cousin

Tends to the hearth helping

Those who need to remember

In our being

Essie, Elisha, and a place called home...

-Joi Jamelle Gresham



Family Remembrances

Here is a snapshot of a collection of remembrances which were put together into a scrapbook for Hattie from her sister, Jewell in August 2003.

Gas for the van. About \$100.

Lottery Tickets for Dad along the way. \$20.00 every time we stop.

Hotel rooms for mom, dad & four crazy kids. \$120.00

Shopping at the outlets. Too much!

Lessons learned on Hattie's farm---PRICELESS

There are some things that money can't buy. You have provided me with so many of them. From handling money to handling life and all it's obstacles, you have instilled so many important values and have given me so much support that has been invaluable to me...it has helped me to be successful and more importantly, to live happily."

— Little Cathy Handy, Niece

"Daddy always tells me that I am your favorite grandchild! I tell him that I know. I can tell from the way you smile at me!"

— Zachary Isaiah Nunn, Grandnephew

"When I come to visit, I like looking for arrowheads like when Daddy and Uncle Marty did when they were kids."

— Michael Massalone Nunn, Grandnephew

"I like to come and visit you in Alabama to go fishing, ride horses, walk in the pasture, see the cows and ride on the 4-wheeler. I plan on doing really well in school this year. Daddy said we need a lawyer and a doctor in the family so I am working on it."

—Aja Simone Nunn, Grandniece

"What does Hattie mean to me? A lot, but I cannot express it in many words...therefore, I will say it in simple, short, and straightforward terms; she is a sweet, dear, warm, wise, and loving woman. We hope that you will be with us for many years more after this.

You mean that much to us."

—Mariah Conant, Grandniece

"I remember one day in particular when I was down at your house one summer. Cathy and I were talking about how frustrating it is when you had a hat that didn't match your clothes. And you said ..."It's not what is on you head, but what's in it." ...I think about you saying that to me almost everyday. Thank you for showing me what a family is for the past 20 years. I hope to one day be there for my own family like you have been there for ours."

— Josh Gresham Conor, Nephew

Aunt Hattie, to me, represented the meaning of the phrase, "Southern Hospitality." Her friendly and positive disposition always made me feel at home with good food and a comfortable family setting. From my Aunt, I've learned important life lessons about respecting others and taking care of one's responsibilities. I am forever indebted to my dear Aunt Hattie.

—Albert Handy, Jr., Nephew

Even though my parents asked you to be my Godmother, I would have chosen you anyway. I love going down to Alabama to visit with you. You have the best spaghetti, and everybody knows because I tell them. I enjoy the dogs and just simply you... It's good to meet all your friends and go to church with you. Though it may be long, it's also enlightening and fun. I have never been to a more fun place than LaFayette. ---Your favorite niece, "Dizzy Lizzy"

— Elizabeth Handy, Niece

"If I had to state one reason why you were important to me, I would have to say that you just made me feel loved. I thank you for that."

— Evelyn Tinsley & Family, Grandniece

"You have managed to keep the family together by maintaining a line of communication to each family member. I believe that every one should follow your lead and make an effort to contact each other on a regular basis."

—Juanda Davis & Family, Niece

"I know I've never been crazy about cooking and house chores...but now I'm a world class chef (or I can make more than something to put in a microwave!)"

—Alicia Handy, Niece

Honorary Pallbearers

Gary Blunt * Marshall Spence * Octavius Johnson
Mark Mittelman * Toby Leverette * Josh Gresham Conor
Marty Nunn * Paul Nunn * Albert Handy, Jr. * Eric Glenn

Flower Bearers

Ladies of the Church Congregation

Interment

Essie J. Handy Memorial Cemetery
LaFayette, Alabama 36862

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