



# *Katherine Mays*

SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 19, 1949 - SUNSET: APRIL 23, 2022

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022  
11:00 A.M.

GIDDENS MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
2980 MEADE AVE., LAS VEGAS, NV 89102

# THE LIFE STORY OF *Katherine Mays*

Katherine Mays, was born September 19,1949 in Calhoun City, Mississippi to Bellton Ira Mays and Oray Dorrrough, who both preceded her to Glory. She was the second born of eight siblings, and she was affectionately known as Kathryn ( Kat ) by her family, and friends. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord at an early age. She was faithful to her weekly Word of Life bible study, and her daily CBC devotional prayer group. She has departed this earth but not our hearts. She fought a good fight, so well done, as she went from labor to her reward. She peacefully received her final promotion on April 23, 2022 to be with our Lord Jesus Christ. "I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course" 2 Timothy 4:7

Kathryn (Kat) moved to Las Vegas as a teenager, she returned to Calhoun City, Mississippi to complete her education, graduating in 1968. She returned to Las Vegas permanently, pursuing her career. She was gifted to be a seamstress; she could design clothing, or repair anything she put her hands on. She loved to cook and was also gifted in her Southern culinary skills. She became a mother at a young age, and continued mothering all her life to everyone she loved, and whomever came into her life. She loved people, cared for, and became a friend to many. She loved being active and working with the public. Customer service, and care was paramount to her. Her work ethic was superior and her personality was contagious. She loved The Lord Jesus Christ and her family; and was faithful to both. We all adored her. Her kindness, and love of people never wavered. As a result many people were touched by her life.

Her legacy as a Mother, Grandmother/Great-grandmother, Auntie, Sister, and friend, and devoted colleague will always be remembered.

Her professional career started as a clerk - bookkeeper at Safeway / Vons corporation in 1974 until retirement in 2008 during her 34 years of service, she received numerous awards, certifications, acknowledgments, and many promotions landing her on the Store Management team, ultimately promoted to oversee hundreds of employees, and having her very own store #1688 ending with store #2399 until retirement with honors receiving THE PRESIDENTS AWARD 3 times as a Manager with Distinction, and integrity. After retirement she decided to stay in the retail business working at Walgreens another 10 years until the pandemic forced her to leave because of previous heart condition in March of 2020. In May of 2020, she had a massive stroke. After two years of determination to not give up, she learned ASL to mainly say "I LOVE YOU", her tender high-five's, and no matter what, she daily gave a thumbs up. Now with grace and mercy she is at peace in Glory. "The race isn't given to the swift nor to the strong, but to the one that endureth until the end." Ecclesiastes 9:1

Kathryn (Kat) leaves to celebrate her life, and cherish her memories, her only living (Auntie) - Mary Florence Mays age 92 of Calhoun City, Mississippi, (Daughters) - Beatrice Renee, Kimberlin Jasman, Teresa Lynn, (Niece like a Daughter) -Victoria Louise, (Grandchild) - Kathryn Renee (Christopher) (Great-Grandchildren) -August Benjamin whom preceded her to Glory, Penelope Olivia, Christopher Eric, Ira James. (Son in her heart) - Joel Jordan. (Sisters) - Mary Mays Palmer of California, Bernice Mays Marshall of Las Vegas, Debra Pittman of Calhoun City, Mississippi, Ora Jean Porter (Jell) Calhoun City, Mississippi, Bernadine Carradine of Chicago Illinois. ( Brothers) - Thelman Boyd ( Deborah) Jackson, Mississippi, Booker Mays (Margarett). (Sister in Love) - Dorothy Smith ( Lacy) Las Vegas, Nevada , (Brother in Love) - Freddie Walton (Beverly) Las Vegas, Nevada, Niece Donna Lynn whom preceded her to Glory, and a host of beloved Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, and other Relatives, and Friends.

# THE LIFE CELEBRATION OF *Katherine Mays*

Processional.....Clergy & Family  
 Old Testament Reading.....Rev. Willie Jones  
 New Testament Reading.....Rev. Willie Jones  
 Prayer of Comfort.....Annette Lewis  
 Musical Tribute.....Victoria Palmer  
 (His Eyes is on The Sparrow)  
 Remarks (Two Minutes Please).....Family & Friends  
 Reading of Acknowledgements & Obituary  
 Myra Jay McLemore  
 Video Presentation.....Giddens Memorial Chapel  
 The Special Reflections.....Annette Lewis  
 Musical Tribute (Psalms 23).....Victoria Palmer (Niece)  
 Eulogy.....Dr. Hosea Collins  
 Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church,  
 Hawthorne, California  
 Final Viewing.....Giddens Memorial Chapel  
 Recessional.....Clergy & Family

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Antonio Marshall  
 Jeremy Sanchez Porter  
 Joel L. Jordan  
 Freddie Eugene Walton  
 Booker Mays  
 Thelman Boyd  
 Lacy Smith



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“Come to me all ye that labor and heavy laden and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28

“God saw the road getting rough, the hills were hard to climb, He gently closed her loving eyes, and whispered Peace be thine!” The weary hours, the voiceless, motionless days of pain, the sleepless nights are past. The ever-patient worn out frame, has found sweet rest at last.”

### SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.

Trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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