



## Mattie Mae Stone-Williams

February 4, 1949 - November 15, 2021

Mattie Mae Stone-Williams passed away peacefully on November 15, 2021 at the age of 72. She was born in Forrest City, AR in 1949 to Willie Earl Stone Sr. and Pairlee Stone. In 1967, she graduated from Edison High School in Gary, IN. Mattie was also an active member of many organizations, including the choir, National Honor Society, National Quill and Scroll, GAA, FTA, and served as President of the Student Council. An award-winning vocalist and community organizer, Mattie won First Place in the Indiana State Vocal Competition at Butler University and received the American Foreign Legion Award.

Mattie continued her activism at Dillard University, and was an active member of several organizations including the Dillard University Gospel Gems, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Dean's List, National Music Workshop of America, University Choir, Dillard Player's Guild, Afro-Americans for Progress, Dashiki Project Theater, Baptist Student Union, and the Student Newspaper Staff. In 1968, she received a key to the City of New Orleans and was made an Honorary Citizen for her work in Community Relations. She earned the distinction of being a Cum Laude graduate in 1971 with a B.A. in Political Science and Government. In addition, she received an M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Loyola University New Orleans in 1975.

Mattie served as Director of the Upward Bound Program at Loyola University

for 24 years. She was a respected community organizer, and was active in the Gentilly Development Association, Total Community Action, and the New Orleans Recreation Department. Mattie was also a licensed real estate agent with Gertrude Gardner. A beloved educator, community servant, and woman of faith, she served as a minister at Christian Unity Baptist Church in New Orleans and was an Ordained Mother at New Life International Family Church in Decatur, Georgia. Mattie also enjoyed reading, singing, traveling, writing and teaching Sunday School.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Betty Stone. She also leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Khia Enjoli Harrison (Gustave Micheal) and her grandchildren, Gianna, Jai'Lynn, and Makayla; her brothers, Willie Earl Stone, Jr. (Chevin) and David Lee Stone; her niece and nephews, Caitlin, Jonathan and David Stone Jr.; her former husband, Sam F. Williams III; along with a host of cousins, family friends, co-workers and church family.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Memorial Service at Christian Unity Baptist Church located at 1700 Conti Street in New Orleans, on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, the family requests tribute donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

# Tribute Wall

GT

“ I remember when I first met you and I was very impressed ...you helped me tremendously with the education of my three sons and I'll always be grateful for that... you'll definitely be missed and always be loved by The Terrel's .....Gwen W Terrel & Sons ( Sister N Law & Nephews)

Gwendolyn W Terrel - May 03, 2023 at 07:17 PM

AC

“ My first roommate at Dillard University. We were joined at the hip. My sincere condolences to the family. I will always cherish the time I spend with Mattie and all the good and bad times we shared. I will never forget her laugh and the way she sang was out of this world. I thank God for my life being a part of her's. May she rest in peace. Job well done. Crunchum Backward Sister number 6 to Crunchum Backward Sister number One. Love you, love you!!!!!!

Anna Caldwell - December 04, 2021 at 12:41 PM

RH

“ My heartfelt condolences to Mattie's family and friends.

Roxanne Bell Henderson - December 04, 2021 at 09:22 AM

RH

“ Mattie was a classmate of mine at Dillard, we loved to her sing with the Gospel Gems. She such a Lovely voice!!



Roxanne Bell Henderson - December 04, 2021 at 09:19 AM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family.  
May God comfort you through his word the Bible and the gift of  
prayer. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - December 01, 2021 at 04:58 AM

ST

God Bless the Family! Mattie was my room mate at Dillard.

Sylvia Taylor - December 01, 2021 at 02:26 PM

SC

Prayers for the family! We always looked forward to hearing Mattie and  
the Gospel Gems sing at Dillard.

Staphenae Camp Carey - December 03, 2021 at 06:47 PM

SC

Prayers for strength for the family at this difficult time. Mattie was truly  
a Gospel Gem!

Staphenae Camp Carey - December 03, 2021 at 06:50 PM