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11:00 A.M.  
Marlin Missionary Baptist Church  
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# Memories



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# Order of Service

- Musical Interlude . . . . .
- Processional . . . . .
- Call to Worship/Opening Prayer . . . . . Rev. Waylan Sais  
Marlin Missionary Baptist Church
- Song. . . . . (Congregation) Choir  
"I Come To The Garden"
- Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament . . . . . Rev. Robert Paul  
New Testament . . . . . Rev. Charles Bailey
- Prayer . . . . .
- Solo . . . . . Elder Lonnie Garrett
- Special Remarks . . . . . Rev. Eric Hooker  
(Taped Message)  
Second Missionary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas
- The Witnesses/Open Expressions . . . . . Two to Three Minutes
- Family Remarks . . . . . Attorney Hiawatha T. Roberts
- Obituary/Acknowledgments . . . . . Mrs. Chanie Earls  
(Biological Sister of Jernice)
- Solo . . . . . Minister Gail Garrett  
"It Is Well"
- Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Dennis Everett  
Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA
- Recessional . . . . .

**Interment**  
Evergreen Cemetery  
Marlin, Texas

The Obituary  
of  
Mrs. Mabel A. Tyrone  
1906 - 2001

Mrs. Mabel A. Tyrone, the second of two daughters of Mr. Sanford J. Taylor and Mrs. Essie (Wallace) Taylor, was born September 20, 1906 in Ceder Valley Community of Chilton, Falls County, Texas. She received her elementary school training in Ceder Valley and her high school education at Booker T. Washington High School of Marlin, Texas.

She earned her B.A. Degree from Samuel Houston (now Houston-Tillotson) College in 1944, and received her Masters of Arts Degree from Prairie View A & M University at Prairie View, Texas.

In 1929, Mabel (affectionately called "Sister"), began her educational career in the Shields Academy District, teaching for fifteen years at the Tomlinson Hill Elementary School.

In 1944 she was employed by the Marlin Independent School District and taught English at the Booker T. Washington High School. When school integration became mandated in 1968, Mabel was transferred to Marlin High School where upon, she continued to teach English. She was appointed Head of the English Department and remained there until her retirement in 1972.

Mabel confessed Christ as he personal Savior at a very young age, becoming a devout Christian. One of her childhood churches was McGill Chapel Baptist Church. She made frequent visits to the Ceder Valley Methodist Church in Falls County. In early adulthood, she united with the Marlin Missionary Baptist Church where she remained as a faithful member and servant. Her services included Choir member, Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent of Sunday School, Church Clerk, Leader and Teacher of Bible Study, Program Coordinator, just to name a few. Her civic involvement included President of the Local A.E.S., Johnson and Clover Leaf Clubs, Vice President of the Carrie Adams District of the Texas Association of Colored Women's and Girls' Clubs, and Vice President of the National Association of Colored Women in the South Western Region. She was a charter member of the Zeta Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Phi Zeta Chapter. She served as Gammateus (Secretary), Basileus (President) and all other offices and standing committees.

She was a member of Hiawatha Court #183, Heroines of Jericho, serving as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Queen of Hiawatha Palace No. 57, Most Ancient Matron and Chairman of many committees. Mabel served as Secretary and Librarian of the Falconer Stamps Library, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Falls County Historical Commission, United Charity Board and many of Falls County Community Boards, she was one of the founders of the Falls County Historical Museum. Mabel was a life member

of the NAACP and one of the organizers and founder of the Booker T. Washington Alumni-Student's Association, serving as its first president.

On December 28, 1932, Mabel entered into marriage with her high school sweetheart, Eugene Tyrone. To that union, no children were born, but they helped to rear and/or educate three relatives, a nephew, Attorney Hiawatha T. Roberts, Jernice M (Taylor-Hood) Smith, a niece of Mabel's mother, accepted and treated by the Tyrones as their own blood born child, and so was Bettie Jo (Evans) Price, a niece of "Sisters" father. Mabel's love, caring and mentoring was infectious she opened their hearts and home to relatives, among whom were: Rommie Tyrone, Travis Washington, Jr., Sanford Marc Roberts, Jackie Keggins and later, his wife, Carol. The Keggins and their three children assisted and cared for Sister in her declining years, until Hiawatha and Jernice took her to California to reside with Jernice. Of the numerous relatives who became members of her extended family, the following names immediately comet to mind: The Taylors, Wallaces, Hoods, Scruggs, Hendersons, Barnes, The Stewarts, Tyrones, James and The Pauls generally, and two sets of Herman Paul's children, specifically. Of the hundreds of children she taught and mentored, special mention should be made to the Thelma/Herman Paul Group (relatives).

Included in the non-relatives, among others necessarily omitted, special mention is made of reference to; the Sodas children, Ernest Walker, James Lorder, "Sister" Hurdle and Carolyn Bradley.

Preceding Mabel in death were her mother, Essie Taylor, father Sanford Taylor, sister Euna Lee Tucker, husband, Eugene Tyrone and surrogate grandson, Kevin D. Poole.

Recognizing her failing health, Mabel reluctantly relocated to El Cerrito, California in October 1996 to live with and be cared for by the same daughter she raised and accepted as her own, Jernice and her husband Cero.

Upon Mabel's arrival in California, she was placed under the pastoral (watch) care as an affiliate of the Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church.

At about 8:00 o'clock p.m. on December 7, 2001 and minutes after Jernice sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and read scriptures from the books of Psalms and Revelations to Mabel, she quietly slipped away and went home to be with her God.

Mrs. Mabel A. Tyrone "Sister" leaves to love and cherish her memory: her surrogate daughter, Mrs. Jernice Marie Smith, and her husband Cero of El Cerrito, California, one nephew: Attorney Hiawatha T. Roberts and wife, Jane of Oakland, California, one granddaughter: A. Marie Linthicum, of Hercules, California, one grandson: Travis Washington, Jr. and wife, Paula of Hayward, California, one great grandson, one great granddaughter and one great, great granddaughter; five grand nieces, Althea (Roberts) Griffin, Karen (Roberts) Knight, Sandra (Roberts) Stokes, Marion Roberts and Marie Roberts; one grand nephew, Sanford Marc Roberts, fourteen great grand nieces and nephews and three great great grand nieces; cousin (reared by the family) Bettie Jo (Evans) Price, and her husband Rayfield and their children and a host of relatives and friends.

Lord, Teach Me to Love

Lord, Teach us to Love,

God of love - Forgive! Forgive  
Teach us how to truly live  
ask us not our race or creed,  
Just take us in an hour of need,  
and let us know you love us too,  
and that we are apart of you,  
and someday may man realize  
that all the earth and sea and skies  
belong to God who made us all,  
the rich, the poor, the great, the small  
and in the Father's Holy Sight  
no man is yellow, black or white  
and peace on earth cannot be found  
until we meet on common ground  
and every man becomes a brother  
who worships God and loves each other.

By

Madel Althea Tyrone



## *Active Pallbearers*

Jackie Keggins  
Robert Paul, Sr.  
Robert Paul, Jr.

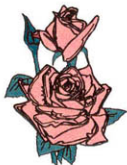
Charles H. Paul  
Jonathan Keggins  
Julian Keggins

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Hiawatha T. Roberts  
Cero Smith

Oscar Barnes  
Sanford Marc Roberts

Travis Washington, Jr.



## *Acknowledgment*

The family of Mrs. Mabel A. Tyrone wishes to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the prayers, kind words, visits, deeds, thought and any and all expressions shown during this difficult time. We thank God for allowing "Sister" to be with us for 95 years and for her ability to touch the hearts and minds of so many people. We thank sister's doctor. The health care home staff and we would like to extend special thanks to the ministries, the mortuary staffs, the organizations and auxiliaries.



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