

# Order of Service

**Processional** ..... Pastor and Family

**Solo** ..... Ms. Teresa Casey - "Amazing Grace"

## Holy Scriptures

Old Testament.....Pastor Norman Lee  
*St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church*

New Testament ..... Reverend Andrew Gaston

**Prayer** ..... Sister Sandra Evins  
*St. Matthew MBC, Sunday School Superintendent*

**Selection**.....Voices of Triumph

**Words of Comfort**.....Elder Freeman Webster  
*Zion Temple Church of God in Christ*

**Resolution(s)/Acknowledgments** ..... Sister June Cooper  
*St. Matthew MBC, Voices of Triumph, and Sunday School Teacher*

## Expressions

Classmate..... Mrs. Sarah Brown  
Fmr. Advanced English Student ..... Dr. B. Mechelle Epps  
Fmr. Student, Colleague, Red Hat Society ....Sister Linda Sherrard  
Sister to Sister.....Dr. Cheryl Vital  
Lifelong Friend.....Mrs. Carole Phillips  
Sons .....Mr. Eyan Travis and Mr. Keenan Travis

**Solo** ..... Ms. Theresa Casey - "I Shall Wear A Crown"

**Eulogy**.....Dr. Leroy Lacy, Jr.  
*Senior Pastor, St. Matthew MBC*

**Recessional** .....Clergy, Bearers, Family and Friends

## Active Pallbearers

Jamaal Avington  
James Cotton, IV  
Byron Thorn

Andre Avington  
Carlton Jackson  
Christopher Cotton

## Honorary Pallbearers

Robert Cotton, Jr  
Keenan Travis  
Don Frank  
Henry Avington, Jr.  
Andrew Cockrell  
Robert D. Cotton  
Ovester Hawkins

Eyan Travis  
Chadwick Farrington  
Edward Avington  
Damond Hickman  
Braden Avington  
Angel Cotto

## Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express our most sincere thank you and appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended during our time of bereavement. Your kindness shall always be remembered.

The family also sends appreciation to the team of doctors and nurses who cared for Patricia throughout her journey. May God bless each of you.

Gratefully, The Family

## Interment

Houston Memorial Gardens  
2426 Cullen Blvd | Pearland, TX 77584

## Repast

St Matthew Family Life Center - Building #3

## Final Arrangements Entrusted to



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## A Celebration Honoring the Memory of



*December 21, 1944 - August 14, 2022*

## Service

**Monday, August 22, 2022**  
**Eleven O'clock AM**

**St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church**  
119 Fidelity Street, Houston, Texas 77029

*Dr. Leroy Lacy, Jr - Senior Pastor/Officiating*

## Obituary

Patricia Ann Avington Travis, the oldest child of Henry C., Sr. and Viola Avington brought joy to her family and others. Born in Houston, Texas, Patricia had fond memories of her childhood. Her early education began at Blackshear Elementary School (Third Ward). Christianity and faith were vital roles in her family and were members at St. John Baptist Church (Third Ward), where the late Reverend Malone served as her pastor and baptized her at an early age. The family relocated and found residence in Galena Manor and changed their membership to St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church where the late Reverend Cecil M. Davis, was the pastor. Her education continued and went to Fidelity Manor Junior and Senior High School (Galena Park, TX). Her favorite institution, she received a solid foundation for her upper education. During her high school years, she was a cheerleader and played on the tennis team, which she won state in singles. Game day arrived and she cheered for her beloved purple and gold. Her brother Edward would run behind the school bus loaded with cheerleaders and the football team, with excitement, until he could no longer see the bus in his sight.

On the campus of Fidelity High is where she met Edwin Lee Travis, her high school sweetheart since the age of sixteen. He was voted "Boy of the Year" and she "Most Beautiful". They graduated with the class of 1963 and their life began. Edwin would travel to the campus of Prairie View A & M College of Texas, to visit Patricia on weekends as she diligently studied and prepared for graduation. Her family and Edwin celebrated her graduation in 1967 and shortly, thereafter continued the celebration of their marriage on June 24, 1967. To this union, two sons were born: Eyan Trevoy and Keenan Gerard, the loves of her life.

As she began her professional career, in education, her first year of teaching began at her alma mater, Fidelity High School. Later, she secured a position on the campus of Galena Park High School and taught advanced English classes. Through hard work, dedication, and resilience she was promoted to Chairperson of the English Department. With children in tow and a devoted and supportive husband, she received her Masters of Education in Administration along with many other certifications, from Texas Southern University.

With faith, determination and support, she continued to advance in her profession. She became the Assistant Principal

at Northshore High School and then the Director of Nurses for the Galena Park Independent School District. After thirty-eight years of service, she retired in 2005. During her tenure she received many accolades and accomplishments to her credit, which are too many to name. Moreover, she was a published author and founder of the Sister to Sister organization which she created to support women educators and administrators in GPISD. Her goal was to enrich, empower and mentor through sisterhood.

After retirement, she relished in spending quality time with her husband, family, church family and friends. Being a member of St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty years, awarded her the privilege of Dr. Leroy Lacy, Jr. to become her pastor. She enjoyed his dynamic and profound sermons on Sunday mornings and often discussed the message with her beloved sister-in-law, Joyce, after church. She worked for her God by participating in ministries. Some of which included Kingdom Builders, Women's Ministry, Sunday School and Senior Saints. She "loved" Sunday School and looked forward to the teachings on Sunday morning. In addition to spending time with her husband, family, church family and friends, she joined the Red Hat Society as a charter member to the Royal Ruby Red Divas. Lunch, outings, shopping, and travels filled her months with her dear divas. She enjoyed her retirement until her health began to decline.

On August 14, 2022, God beckoned Patricia Ann Travis to rest.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandfather and grandmother, (Edward and Evelyn Harris), father, (Henry Avington, Sr.), sisters-in-laws, (Margaret Farrington and Joyce Young), brothers-in-laws, (Willie Farrington, Jr. and Robert Travis), nephew (Terence Young), cousin (Beverly Cockrell) and her beloved Aunt Margie.

Her passing brought sadness to the hearts of her loved ones. To cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Edwin Lee Travis, and her two sons, Eyan (Gabrielle) and Keenan (Luisa). Furthermore, two brothers, Edward (Rosie) and Henry Jr., two sisters, Joyce and Jenice, favorite cousin, Diann, God Son, Robert Jr., and her Aunt Maudry. Others include to cherish Patricia's memory are nieces and nephews, Marquel (Don), Crystal, K'Orie, Tanisha, Chadwick, Christopher (Tanisha), Andrew, James, Jamaal (Danielle) and Andre. Her memory will forever be embedded in the minds of her grandchildren, Brionna, Eyonna, Eyan Jr., Trevoy, Eyania, Dy'Omarithz, Dy'Osarithz, Arriana and Ciara and in the psyche of other family members, friends, church members and neighbors.



## *A Tribute to our Dear Nana,*

Nana,

You were an amazing woman of God and giver of love and life to so many. The resilience through your unveiled matters in order to support your granddaughters will forever live on through your strong mind, body, and positive spirits you've instilled in us. Your selfless actions, faith, strength, and support for loved ones while still aiding the community will forever be unmatched. The smile and enlightenment in your voice on positive news on any of us could light up a room and was impressive beyond measures. You didn't care who were tired of hearing you brag, everyone was going to know about the growth, development, success, and new ventures of your Grand Babies. You were our biggest cheerleader, motivator, nurturer, and advocate which we will forever cherish. As we reflect on the times spent together, numerous phone conversations, and lessons learned, all we can do is smile and shed tears of joy. We will forever admire how you embraced all circumstances with such elegance, dignity, and grace.

We love you dearly, and your space in our hearts remains.

*Always,  
Brionna, Eyonna, Dama, Sari, Arriana, Ci Ci*