

*Pallbearers*  
Grandsons

*Flower Attendants*  
Family and Friends

*“Special Gratitude to our Mother”*

Thank you for all the love and support you gave us. Thank you for bearing and enduring all things as it pertains to rising us. You taught us how to fight and not give up and not give in. Only God can understand how much we love and cherish you. Thank you for being our mother yesterday, today and forever.

~ From Derek and Sheri McClendon ~

*Acknowledgements*

The family of the **Late Betty Jo McClendon** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, your calls, visits, words of comfort and above all your prayers shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

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*A Celebration  
of Life  
for*

*Ms. Betty Jo Benton McClendon*



*Sunrise*  
February 11, 1951

*Sunset*  
April 30, 2020

*Service*

11:00 AM, Saturday, May 9, 2020

**Samuel C. Rogers, Jr. Memorial Chapel**

4315 N. Main Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

**Bishop Derek L. McClendon, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Ms. Betty Jo Benton McClendon** was married to the late Levi La 'Ray McClendon was born on February 11, 1951 in Dawson, Georgia. Her early education was received in the Duval County Public Schools. Ms. McClendon obtained her Bachelor's Degree from Edward Waters College and retired from Florida State College (FCCJ) and The Duval County School Board as a Teacher.

**Ms. McClendon** accepted our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age. She served him faithfully and set the foundation for her children and grandchildren. Ms. McClendon worked as a secretary for the Sunday school department and a member of the Adult Choir as well as the Senior Women Bible Class. She loved her Church family (Saint Matthew Baptist Church and Pastor George A. Price) and was faithful until her transitioning.

**Ms. McClendon** was a loving and caring person, but above all she was a praying woman who loved her children, grandchildren, and entire family. She was a supporter and active on God's Power and Deliverance Ministries Prayer Line (Atlanta, Georgia). As a Financial Aid Director, Ms. McClendon directed and assisted so many students and enjoyed being a School Teacher and teaching students how to read. She loved old and new gospel music especially "Every Praise is to our God" and "Total Praise". Her favorite singing song was "Blessed Assurance". Ms. McClendon was a member of the Grand Masonic Lodge Order of Eastern Stars and many other school and community organizations.

After living a full and blessed spiritual life, on Thursday, April 30, 2020, she obtained her Angel Wings and answered "A Charge to keep I have and a God to glorify" "by entering into heaven's gate" "Thy God and Faithful servant well done".

**Ms. McClendon** was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She leaves to cherish her loving memory her devoted children, Sheri Michele McClendon of Jacksonville Florida, Bishop/Sergeant Derek La 'Ray McClendon (Laleta) of Atlanta, Georgia; godson, James Robinson of Jacksonville Florida; brothers, Jerry Smith of Alexandria, Louisiana, Edward Kinnel of Dawson, Georgia, Tommie, William, and Gary Benton of Jacksonville, Florida; sister, Brenda Benton of Jacksonville, Florida; cousin, Morris Perry of Miami, Florida; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

## Order of Service

**Processional and Viewing** ..... *"We Come This Far by Faith"*

**Scripture** ..... Elder Dr. Terrance Pender  
Jerusalem Holiness Church, Folkston, GA

**Invocation** ..... Elder James Robinson  
Victorious Church, Jacksonville, FL

**Selection** ..... Sister Candice Bridges  
God's Power, Atlanta, GA

**Acknowledgements of Condolences** ..... Laleta McClendon  
God's Power, Atlanta, GA

**Solo** ..... Ricardo McClendon  
Grandson

**Reflections** ..... (*Two minutes please*)  
As a Friend/Church Member .... Ms. Cora Scott (St. Matthew)  
As a Grandson ..... Jarrett Hudson

**Words of Comfort** ..... Bishop Derek L. McClendon  
God's Power and Deliverance Ministries, Atlanta, GA

**Recessional** ..... *"Watch Me Praise Him"*

## Interment

Evergreen Cemetery  
4535 N. Main Street 32206

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" the race is not given to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but it is given to the one that endures until the end. Therefore, "I pass my baton so another one can run"! Forever your Mother, Betty J. Benton McClendon. ~ II Timothy 4:7*