



Hattie Elizabeth Knox

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Born in Marietta Georgia, Hattie was the second oldest of ten children. Hattie's family moved to Detroit in 1940, where she attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western International High School in January 1954. She worked for Dr. R. J. Rupp as a receptionist and medical assistant from 1954 to 1956. In 1956 she was employed by the United States Army Tank Automotive Command (TACOM) where

she was promoted to GM 14 Operations Budget Manager and the financial secretary for TACOM Retiree Luncheon Committee. She retired in 1988 after 32 years of outstanding service. She was awarded both the Presidential Service and Civilian Meritorious Award, which was the highest form of recognition at her workplace.

In 1956 she was married to Ernest Knox. Earnest and Hattie were blessed to have shared sixty-two (62) years together. To this union, two children born, Earnest Knox, Jr., a computer science executive, and Tonya Knox Frazier M.D., a physician, both residing in South Carolina.

Hattie accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized and married at Friendship Baptist Church in Detroit, under the late Rev. J.R. Johnson. In 1968, she joined New Prospect Baptist Church in Detroit under the late Rev. Dr. S.L. Whitney. She served faithfully in a multitude of church ministries, as follows: youth director for over 30 years; youth advisor, drama ministry; Trustee for 17 years; Sunday school teacher for 30 years; general missions; prison ministry (Boysville of Michigan); Angel Tree; Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts for Eagle Badges; volunteer church financial secretary for 10 years; secretary of the

Seasoned Senior Citizen's Ministry; Senior citizen choir; Women's choir; and Mime ministry. She worked diligently for 20 years volunteering for the After-School Program, youth summer camps and Vacation Bible School. On holidays, she volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels. She also served as Assistant Youth Director and Advisor for the Michigan District Baptist Association, as well as the financial administrator and youth advisor for the American Baptist Youth Conferences.

Hattie worked wherever needed and had a great love for young people. She was very active and attended most religious activities and events. She regularly attended Miracle Monday Prayer, Power Wednesday Bible Class and Women's Bible Class. She loved being part of the Intercessory Prayer group and being one of the initiators. She received the Ruth Award and Woman of the Year Award. She was a member of the Adult Optimist Club, serving as the advisor of the Junior Optimist Club (JOI). She loved the Lord, her family and "Pastor J". she supported all other pastors when they preached at other churches. She provided transportation for anyone who needed a ride. Her favorite scripture are Psalm 34 and 91. Her mottos she lived by were, "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you" and "Let the works I do speak for me". Her favorite song is "Jesus is the best thing that ever happened to me".

In the community, she was Vice President of Youth at Heart Community Services, Inc., Chairman of the Advisory Board of the (CARE) Adult Day Care, and advisory board member of Central Care Management Organization Counselors to those on probation in the prison system under Judge Roberts. She serviced as president of multiple Parent Teacher Organizations (PTA) for Pasteur Elementary school. She was fondly known as "Grandma" to the now generation, where she received the Grandparent of the Year founder's Award from both the Southfield Public Schools and the Detroit Public School systems.