



Mrs. Mace Hurt Payne

February 27, 1930 - October 12, 2023

Mace was called to her eternal rest and peace on October 12, 2023. She was born in Jackson, Tennessee to Sellers and Lucille Hurt; they both preceded her in death. Her father died when she was nine years old, her mother devoted herself to raising Mace with Christian values and to make certain she received a good quality education. She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and became a lifelong, faithful and dedicated member of Mother Liberty Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

As a youth she was a member of the Junior church in care of Mrs. Washington and served as a Junior usher. She also served as the youth secretary for the Sunday school department under the guidance of Mrs. Florence Ward. It was at this time her training, nurture and formation as a Christian begin; she learned how to take minutes, conduct meetings, serve the church, others, and God. When she became an adult, she sang in the choir under the direction of Mrs. Edna White and Mrs. Mae Chairs. She was secretary for the Ruth Circle of the Missionary Society for many years and served as the chairperson for the church Annual Founder's Day Celebration on numerous occasions. Mace loved her church and always served faithfully and cheerfully.

During her early childhood, she attended and graduated from St. Joseph Catholic Church (St. Joseph become a mission of St. Mary in 1955). She was a graduate of Merry High School, where she was a four-year member of the

marching band as a majorette and the leader of the majorettes for two years. After high school, Mace attended Lane College and was a proud 1952 graduate. While attending Lane she was inducted into Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She loved her sisterhood and was an avid supporter of her sorority and attended many National Conventions. Mace was honored at the sorority's one hundredth Anniversary by being chosen as one of 22 special Delta Dears to represent the spirit of the 22 illustrious Delta Founders at the Southern Regional luncheon and banquet in Washington, D.C. in 2013 and again at the Southern Regional luncheon in Houston, Texas in 2015.

After graduating from Lane College, she taught in Charleston, Missouri for six years; then in Crockett County Tennessee and finally with Jackson City School System - Jackson, TN; retiring from Alexander Elementary School in 1991. Mace was a charter member of the Rosette Club; where they assisted needy families at Christmas and provided care baskets to the hospital throughout the year, these acts of kindness was a special passion for her.

Mace earthly life personified the essence of Matthew 25:35-40. She was compassionate and generous with her talents, time and resources. Her spirit exemplified love, joy, peace patience, kindness generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. She loved God and her neighbor.

Mace met and married the love of her life, Andrew J. (Jack) Payne in 1953. They had one precious son, Aubrey Jackson Payne. They both preceded her in death. Mace leaves to cherish her memories Jessica the Mason family, Lillian Holmes, a host of loving cousins that were dear to her heart, best friends Neola Sardon & Mary Campbell, Special Sorority Sister Jeanette Henning, caring friends Reba Poe, Eartha Grimes and friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

3360 Highway45 North
Jackson, TN 38305

Previous Events

Family Hour

OCT **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mother Liberty C.M.E. Church
456 South Highland Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301

Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Mace Hurt Payne*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - October 23, 2023 at 08:21 AM

DE

*We regret the Passing of Mrs. Mace Hurt-Payne. We are praying for the family and the Mother Liberty CME Church Family as she was a lifetime Member and Servant.
Presiding Elder Claude A. Bass, Southwest District CME Church, Jackson, TN.*

Dr. Claude A. Bass, Presiding Elder - October 28, 2023 at 10:04 AM

JC

“ *I met Mace in the 1970's at the home of Arthur and Elizabeth (Duke) Thomas. We have mainstaibef a friendship as well as well as sisters in our beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. I will cherish her memory always.*



Jessie Chatman - October 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM

JP

“ Jackson Alumni Chap of Kappa Alpha Psi purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Mace Hurt Payne.



Jackson Alumni Chap of Kappa Alpha Psi - October 23, 2023
at 10:43 PM

NB

“ Mrs. Payne was my first grade teacher. She was a beautiful soul that loved her students. I often visited her and we would catch up on the things of life. She was very instrumental in laying the foundation of my life’s journey and I will always cherish her memory. The family is in my prayers. She was a beautiful jewel. 🙏🙏🙏❤️

Nina Burris Brady - October 17, 2023 at 07:02 AM

FL

“ I remembered her as a very nice and warm person. I hope she lived a peaceful life. R.I.P It is well deserved.



Frank Lowery - October 14, 2023 at 06:46 PM

CP

“ I’ve known Mrs Payne since birth. She always had a smile on her face. Mother Liberty won’t be the same.



Chicura Pearson - October 13, 2023 at 10:31 PM

VS

“Loved Mrs Mace Payne she was my teacher at South Jackson Elementary. A beautiful soul has gone to heaven.

Vicki Simmons



Vicki Simmons - October 13, 2023 at 01:55 PM

EJ

Mace was a kind, loving lady. Always very generous with her family and friends. She was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Her love for Delta is demonstrated by all of the Delta images in her home. All of us who knew her were blessed by her smile. We find comfort in knowing that she lived a long earthly life and is now living in her heavenly home with our Lord, her husband, son and other family members that have gone ahead!

Elaine Bailey Johnson - October 17, 2023 at 05:19 PM