



Ms. Magdalene Mary Best

November 14, 1932 - September 22, 2021

Mother Mary Magdalene Best the daughter of the late William and Emma James Spruill was born on November 14, 1932 in Martin County, where she remained a native all her life. She departed this life on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 peacefully in her sleep at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC.

Magdalene attended the public schools in Martin County. She worked on the farm most of her life. Magdalene was a very hard worker and homemaker. People in the community often talked about her well-kept house. By example she taught her children no matter what you have keep it clean and take care of it. She worked with such a heart of passion and shared her good cleaning skills with others in the community Haislip, Stalls, Hardison, Bland, etc.

Magdalene loved and enjoyed her family. She looked forward to family gatherings and dining out. Just to be surrounded by her children and grandchildren always sparked a sense of joy and excitement for her. She had a contagious smile and an entertaining sense of humor that brought laughter and praise in the house. Magdalene was quick to ask, “has anybody got a praise in the house?” She could be stern but had such a pleasant demeanor that won the hearts of many. In conversating with her, you soon knew the joy of the Lord was her strength. Her distinguishing marks were her love for God and the overflowing joy that flowed into her children and grandchildren and

everyone she met.

Magdalene was known by her church family as Mother Best. Mother Best was a dreamer. She heard the voice of God through her dream. She was led by God to Grace Fellowship Church under the leadership of Superintendent Clarence Dunlap. Mother Best realized that just going to church was not enough and accepted Christ into her life in April 2004.

After Superintendent Clarence Dunlap demise Mother Best continued to serve faithfully under the new pastor Elder Michael Bridgers. She was a member of the Women's Dept, combined choir and a participant in Sunday School.

Mother Best would sometimes call her pastor and leave a prayer on his phone recorder. She attended church regularly until her health begin to fail. Psalm 150:1 says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Mother Best praised God even in declining health. She continued her unwavering faith in God, her spontaneous praise in her home (grandchildren partnered with her) in the church or wherever. She praised God for her children, grandchildren, Pastor (Wendy) and her church family. Mother Best responded well to Psalm 150:1. Sometimes she would start out praising Him in the pews, then she would leave her seat and praise the Lord in the middle isle of the church. Mother Best never lost her praise. Even in the final days here on earth, she was uttering Hallelujah!! Mother Best left a legacy of praise.

Mother Best was preceded in death by her husband, John Best, Jr; two daughters, Brenda, Evelene; one son, Willie Lee; seven sisters, Joanna, Emma, Effie, Hattie, Dorothy, Lucy and Mary; five brothers, Leo, Moses, George, James and Lester.

Mother Best leaves to cherish her memories, two sons, Henry Best, Johnny Best (Teresa) both of Greenville, NC; three daughters, Lovie Andrews (Ronnie) of Parmele, NC, Linda Green of Virginia Beach, VA, Maggie Sharp (Alton) of Bethel, NC; one sister, Lena M. Daniels of Virginia Beach, VA;

thirteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and her church family.

Cemetery Details

Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grace Fellowship Church Of God in Christ
100 Glasgow Street
Hamilton, NC 27840

Celebration of Life Service

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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100 Glasgow Street
Hamilton, NC 27840

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - October 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. I did not know Mother Best, but I am a colleague of Henry. He is a good man and a tribute to his mother's influence in his life.*

*Caleb Beyer
Greenville Fire/Rescue*

Caleb Beyer - October 05, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Antionette Andrews Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Antionette Andrews Wheeler - October 01, 2021 at 07:55 PM

RF

“ *Rev.Milton & Delores Staton Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Rev.Milton & Delores Staton Family - September 30, 2021 at 03:01 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best.*



September 28, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best.*



September 28, 2021 at 01:29 PM

JW

“ *James & Karen Wallace lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



James & Karen Wallace - September 28, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Debora Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Debora Lloyd - September 28, 2021 at 10:08 AM



“ *Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Joyce Purvis - September 27, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Faye Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Faye Wiggins - September 27, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Praying For The Family.*



Patrice Cox - September 26, 2021 at 09:38 PM

YF

“ *Yvonne Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Yvonne Fletcher - September 26, 2021 at 07:20 AM

RP

“ *Rebecca Page lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Rebecca Page - September 26, 2021 at 02:01 AM



“ *Sophia Ellis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Sophia Ellis - September 26, 2021 at 12:39 AM

TM

“ *Praying for the family.*



Tonette Hudgins McNeil - September 25, 2021 at 05:15 PM

CH

“ Carolyn Harrell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best



Carolyn Harrell - September 25, 2021 at 12:52 PM

CB

“ Claude Ernest Bell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best



Claude Ernest Bell - September 25, 2021 at 11:40 AM

KP

“ Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best



Kay Peele - September 24, 2021 at 09:17 PM

DA

“ Donnie Andrews lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best



Donnie Andrews - September 24, 2021 at 12:24 PM

JH

“ *Julia Howard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Magdalene Mary Best*



Julia howard - September 23, 2021 at 06:43 PM

EH

“ *I Pray That God Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family* 🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - September 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - September 22, 2021 at 02:03 PM