

# Obituary

Mattie Lene Pierce Perry was born April 7, 1915 to the late Henry and Naomi Pierce in Lincoln County, Mississippi. She departed this life on Monday, July 18, 2005 while in the Country Brook Living Center after suffering a disabling stroke.

In her early years she accepted Christ while attending the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church on the River at Caseyville, Mississippi.

In her youth, Mattie married Uliss Amos and they were blessed with one daughter, Burnie Lee. During and after Burnie's death she assumed an active role in the raising of her grandchildren.

Mattie later married Charles Perry together they were active in New Zion C.O.G.I.C. and its ministry. She was a woman who loved God and her family, she remained an active member of New Zion C.O.G.I.C. until her death. Mattie lived her life with open arms and an open heart, willing to help and nurture family and friends.

Mattie will be remembered for her enduring strength, patience, kindness and her dedication to the uplifting of God and her family. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Burnie Lee Buckley; her husband, Charles Perry; three sisters, Beulah Clark, Naomi Houston and Alma Chambers. She leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Hazel Scott of Detroit, MI; eight brothers, Henry (Anna) Pierce and Claude (Mary) Pierce of Cleveland, OH; Julius (Earnestine) Pierce, James (Francesca) Pierce, Colon (Elmira) Pierce, Carl (Karen) Pierce, Oscar (Jessie) Pierce, Samuel (Zanaida) Pierce all of Arkansas; five grandchildren, Katherleen Fields, Berneice Buckley, Denise Buckley of Caseyville, James (Angie) Buckley, Otis (Luvinie) Buckley of Chicago, IL and a special daughter-in-law, Katie Buckley; 21 great grandchildren, three of whom she called her sons, Antoine, Potea and Chris; and a host of relatives and friends whose lives were touched by her.

