A Service of Memory
Celebrating the Life of

Mrs. Hazel Calhoun Hays
A Woman of Vision and Strength: A Phenomenal Woman
Strength and Honor Are Her Clothing

Earthly Entrance
March 23, 1928
Earthly Departure
May 3, 2019

Friday, May 17, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Second Baptist Church
3310 East Commerce Street
San Antonio, Texas 78220
Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor
Officiant
The Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Mrs. LaFaye Duren

Procesional
Clergy, Family, Pallbearers, Friends

Words of Grace
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson

Hymn of Praise
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"
Combined Choirs

The Scriptures

Old Testament
Proverbs 31:25-31
Elder Lesley Yates

New Testament
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Rev. Samuel Mathis

Prayer of Hope and Comfort
Rev. Dr. Howard Anderson

Musical Selection
Combined Choirs

Resolutions
Second Baptist Church
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
San Antonio Chapter NAACP
Wiley College Club

Musical Selection
Combined Choirs

Special Reflections
Rev. John H. Sanders, Long Time Friend
Honorable Gregory Reeves, Blacks in Government — Past National President

Family Loves Notes
Karen Hays
Poem of Faith, Hope, and Courage

Richard Calhoun
Sister, My Sister

Billy Hays
Oh Mother of Mine

Dr. Barrett Hays & Rosylyn Calhoun
Words of Gratitude

Musical Selection
Combined Choirs

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson

"She Has Done What She Could"

Text: “In Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and wheresoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforesaid to anoint my body to the burying. Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.” Mark 14:3-9

Recessional
Memories & Reflections

Hazel Calhoun Hays, a native of Monroe, Louisiana was born to George and Lilla Calhoun. She was reared in Kingsville, Texas where she attended public school and graduated from Solomon Cole High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. She enrolled at St. Philip’s College where she received an Associate Degree with honors. Hazel earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, with honors, from Wiley College in Marshall, Texas. After graduation, Hazel later met William Hays Jr. and married him in 1952. To that union three children were born, William Hays III, Barrett Hays, MD and Karen Hays. Because of the unexpected death of Hazel’s sister, Ida she assumed the guardianship of Ida’s daughter Rosalynd Calhoun whom she and William raised as their own daughter.

Hazel transitioned to glory on Friday, May 3, 2019. The Lord allowed her to see an amazing 91 years. She was vibrant and dynamic until the end. For those who knew and remember Hazel, you will recall that she was a ‘take-charge’ person but one who could keep you laughing endlessly with her humor. Hazel was preceded in death by her husband William Hays Jr.; her parents George and Lilla Calhoun; her siblings Ida, George Jr.; Calvin; Melvin and Dorothy.

Always a faithful servant of God, Hazel was active in her church, where she has been a member for 67 years, joining in 1952. Hazel’s leadership skills were faithfully utilized at her beloved Second Baptist Church. She was active in many capacities. Hazel was the first coordinator of the Birth Month Club, appointed by the late Rev. S. H. James Sr. She served in various capacities including president of the Hospitality Auxiliary, member of the Matron Guild, Sunday School Teacher, the Andrews Club and the 1973 Women’s Day Chairwoman. Intermittent health issues limited Hazel’s full participation in her church auxiliaries.

For many years, Hazel participated in numerous professional and civic organizations. She was a life member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Alpha Phi Beta Chapter where she had served as Basilus, having held all offices, Chairman of all committees; as chairwoman, she spent hours preparing souvenir books for publication. She became a Zeta in 1948 at Wiley College and finally became a Zeta Dove. She was a charter member of the local Pan Hellenic Council where she served in many leadership roles.

Hazel was a strong supporter of her Alma mater, Wiley College. She was an active member of the San Antonio Wiley Club. She served as the first Vice President of the Wiley College National Alumni Association from 2002-2004. On, March 5, 2016, she received special recognition from the S.A. Wiley Club for her outstanding contributions and commitment over the years to better many lives in the San Antonio Community and continued “To Go Forth Inspired, Glorious Deeds To Do”. As a Silver Life member of the N.A.A.C.P, Hazel engaged in the many struggles for racial equality that this organization is known for.

Trailblazing is the category that described Hazel Hays’ energy, strength and determination. She was hired at Kelly Air Force Base as a File Clerk, GS-2. She progressed to a clerk typist, supply clerk, Inventory Management Specialist, Data Management and EEO Counselor/Officer, GS-12. Along this progressive way there were many, many instances of personal accounts of racial discrimination where Hazel intervened on behalf of workers who had been treated unfairly due to race. She was a member of the Kelly Management Club and served on the Executive Committee as a representative for women’s issues and views. Working in civil service during the ‘60s era required determination, strength, persistence, courage, all traits of a true trailblazer. Hazel took on the task of defender and representative, against the establishment, often, with much uncertainty regarding her own employment. As a collateral duty Hazel served as Federal Women’s Program Manager for the Directorate of Material Management and wrote the first Plan of Action for Women which served as a model for many throughout the Air Force and other agencies.

Realizing and seeing the need to train women to be comfortable in leadership roles, Hazel organized three Toastmistress Clubs in the Directorate and started enlightenment meeting during the lunch period which lead into the ‘Lunch and Learn’ Program base wide. Hazel could easily be labeled as “The Organizer”. In 1961 she helped to organize the Government Girls club – A civic organization comprised of women who work for the government. She was the charter Vice President and also served as President for four years. In 1979 she organized the San Antonio Chapter of Blacks in Government and was elected its President.

Hazel is survived by her three children William ‘Billy’ Hays, III – Dallas, Texas; Dr. Barrett Hays (Gretta) – Tucson, Arizona; and Karen Hays, San Antonio, Texas; her niece, whom she raised Rosalynd Calhoun – Houston, Texas. She is also survived by her three remaining siblings: Thomas Aaron ‘Jack’ Calhoun – Texas City, Texas; Mary Etta Calhoun Toliver – LaMarque, Texas; and Richard Edwin ‘Ed’ Calhoun (Avis) – San Antonio, Texas; her sister-in-law Lucille Calhoun – San Antonio, Texas; four grandchildren, RoShana Adamson; Christopher Thomas (Keri); Leanna H. Hays; India Elizabeth Hays; and six great grandchildren: Addison, Quinn, & Oliver Thomas; Raven, Jadyn and Quinn Adamson and other nieces and nephews.

Hazel’s Spiritual Footnote:
We are not perfect, nor does God expect us to be. Becoming a Proverb 31 woman means working hard to become a woman who honors God...Remember that you are worthy of God’s grace.
Be truthful and faithful. Love others, be good to others and pray for others.
Active Pallbearers
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Delta Rho Lambda Chapter

Darryl Harris
Stephen Middleton
Karl Nicholas

Samuel Scott, Jr.
Curtis Tribble
Paul Young

Honorary Pallbearers
Blacks in Government (BIG)
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
San Antonio Wiley Club
San Antonio Branch NAACP
February/March Birthday Girlfriends

Hospitality Committee
Willing Workers Circle
Pacesetters Bridge Club
Deacon and Trustees
Government Girls

Expression of Gratitude
We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, concern and all acts of kindness shown during the passing of our loved one. Your prayers and kind deeds will forever remain in our hearts. In all things, we give thanks and glory to God!
The family of Mrs. Hazel Calhoun Hays

A Special Thanks to:
Mr. Nolan Anderson
Mrs. Avis Billings Calhoun
Mrs. Dorothy Collins
Mrs. Juretta Marshall
Mrs. Elverne Nalls

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