



## Mathis "Cush" Harden

May 17, 1930 - May 24, 2024

Mr. Mathis Harden was born May 17, 1930 in Rhine, Georgia. He was one of twenty-one children born to the late Matt and Perry Lee Harden.

Mathis married the love of his life, Roxie Battle in 1953 and relocated to Florida in 1956. Mathis was employed for many years by the Winter Garden Citrus Growers Association. He later worked for and retired from Orange County Public Schools.

Mathis joined the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Family shortly after moving to Florida. Mathis was a dedicated member of Bethlehem, serving faithfully in several capacities: The Male Chorus (founding member), The Mass Choir, The Brotherhood Ministry and the Senior Usher Board until his health began to fail him. Mathis was also a member of the Masonic (Macedonia) Lodge #49.

Mathis was a calm and quiet man who loved the Lord and his family. He spent the last 18 years of his life with his son Willie and his family in Geneva, Florida where he is already truly missed. On Friday, May 24, 2024, one week after his 94 th birthday, Mathis slept away peacefully at home.

His parents, his wife of 53 years, Mother Roxie Battle Harden, 19 siblings, 1 granddaughter, Yovonda Singletary Johnson, and one great grandson, Willie

Harden, III, preceded him in death.

He leaves cherished memories with his two sons, Joseph Singletary, Winter Garden, FL; Willie (LaFonya) Harden, Geneva, FL; one brother, Joe Harden, Orlando, FL, six brothers-in-law: W.C. Battle, J. B. Battle, Manuel Battle, Benjamin Battle all of Winter Garden, FL; Lawrence Battle, Seabrook, MD; Otis Battle (Ramona) Chicago, IL, three sisters-in-law, Ida Mae Morss and Irene Battle of Hawkinsville, GA and Margaret Harden, Hamlet, NC. Nine grandchildren, Willie (Carla) Harden, William (Audrey) Harden, Chirron Stallworth, Wilandrea Harden, Wilonda Harden, Kristopher (Bobbie) Shumpert, Lawrence (Mya) Roe, Nicole Roe and Lydia Hicks. 23 great-grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Winter Garden Cemetery

Winter Garden, FL

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church  
915 East Plant Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Barbara Massey lit a candle in memory of Mathis "Cush" Harden*



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**Barbara Massey** - June 12, 2024 at 07:35 PM

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“ *Savarica Turner lit a candle in memory of Mathis "Cush" Harden*



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**Savarica Turner** - June 07, 2024 at 03:32 PM

DJ

“ *Sorry for your loss*

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**David Jones.sr Jones** - June 07, 2024 at 08:48 AM

MN

“ *Mary Morss. .Lois His Niece lit a candle in memory of Mathis "Cush" Harden*



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**Mary Morss. .Lois his niece** - June 04, 2024 at 10:54 PM

TF

“ *THE BROWN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mathis "Cush" Harden*



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**THE BROWN FAMILY** - June 02, 2024 at 07:12 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mathis "Cush" Harden*



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**MONICA DENISE SCOTT** - May 31, 2024 at 08:41 PM