



## Mattie Mae Busby White

January 7, 1944 - December 2, 2023

Mattie Mae Busby White, the daughter of William Mozell Busby and Daisy Bell Lewis Busby was born January 7, 1944 in Hampton County, the little big town of Estill, South Carolina. At a young age, she relocated to Florida and attended Phyllis Wheatley High School, graduating in the class of 1964. After High school, she went on to attend cosmetology school, receiving her certification in cosmetology.

She was united in marriage to Calvin Hubert White, Sr. on October 18, 1966. To this union, two wonderful children (1 son and 1 daughter) were born.

### The Life

Mattie was The First Lady of Our White House...She began fighting the fight, by making a stand as a young civil rights activist doing sit-ins, protesting for the people of color, women's rights, and family. She was instrumental in making the workplace better for the MUA production team, and helping many young, actors, actresses, and performers to have a voice. As an educator and business owner in her industry, she stood tall. She was the listening ear, caretaker, shoulder to lean on, humorous, making jokes, and not afraid to cry. Being backstage, the love the respect that was shown was breathtaking. The performers called her mom. "Hold up that is my Mommy!" She realized that they loved her support, guidance, and family values. The love of family, friendship, and hard work were her framework for life. Her life story and faith

have touched many along the way.

### The Legacy (Things She Will Be Remembered By)

Florida State University, her name is forever engraved in brick on the campus in front of The Wescott Building...OTIAM.

Love and commitment to family and the love of her life Calvin, her husband. The vacations, exploration of history. Spontaneous trips/rides, quality time spent with others, and the strength and courage to be who she was in spite of.

Being a part of a community where you knew your neighbors by name and their kids knew and respected her. Even as adults checked in to speak and chat for a while. Her gentleness, love, laughter, spirit, her faith (singing, humming the way God spoke through her). How she would dance, smile, and touch those she met along her life's journey.

The work over twenty years in cosmetology and make-up artistry for every hairstyle, show, film, and production. Influenced multiple salons as an Instructor at Orlando Beauty Academy, and 23 years at Walt Disney World. The young performers (characters) that she embraced and entrusted her with their memorable conversations and heart-to-hearts (Mother Mattie/Mom). The celebrities that she encountered along her journey who became her friends and admired her skills, trusted her talent to create and develop make blends of make-up that were not available included, Angela Bassett, Courtney Vance, Phylicia Rashad, Bobby Jones and the Gospel singers, Whoopi Goldberg, Lezza Gibbons, Danny Glover, Melba Moore, Pat Clooney, MJ, Whitney Houston and many more. No matter when or what was happening, Mattie always took the time to listen to our problems with no judgment but a dose of TRUTH SERUM. Although short in stature, she stood tall and was no pushover. She would let you know and keep it moving. It was her absolute joy and blessing to give without regret, to make one feel confident, and beautiful,

to see their purpose, and provide the freedom for one to be oneself.

Mattie was preceded in death by her Parents: William Mozell Busby and Daisy Bell Lewis Busby, Brothers: William M. Busby, Jr. and Perry Busby; Sister, Jeanette Busby, Sister-in-love. Shirley Florence Busby; Close Aunt, Elouise, Uncles: Robert Lee Farmer, Arther Lee Busby, Franklin Busby, and Mathew Busby.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Husband of 57 years, Calvin H. White Sr.; Children: Deidre D. White and Calvin H. White, Jr. (Katina), all of Orlando, FL; 7 Grandchildren ,17 Great Grands; Siblings: Wille Busby (Lena), Freddie Busby (Mary) Libbie Florence (Aurthur), Marion Johnson (Homes); Siblings-in-Love: Brenda Williams, Larry (Agnes) Mobley; Aunts and Uncle, Vernice Hamlin, LH Busby (Janie), and Clara Mae Gonzalez; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road  
Apopka, FL 32703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel AME Church  
4201 Columbia Street  
Orlando, FL 32811

## Service

DEC **16**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Malone Memorial Church of God in Christ  
401 South Ivey Lane  
Orlando, FL 32811

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *John H. And Linda Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**John H. and Linda Henderson** - December 16, 2023 at 12:02 AM

ER

“ *Eva Rivers sent a virtual gift in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**Eva Rivers** - December 15, 2023 at 04:34 PM

CL

“ *Clara lit a candle in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**Clara** - December 15, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 15, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 15, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**Terric Durden** - December 14, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 13, 2023 at 11:27 PM



“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**MONICA DENISE SCOTT** - December 13, 2023 at 05:26 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Long Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**Minnie Long Scott** - December 13, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 12, 2023 at 09:17 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 12, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 11, 2023 at 02:27 PM

VS

“ Vera Shepherd lit a candle in memory of  
Mattie Mae Busby White



vera shepherd - December 10, 2023 at 04:33 PM

DF

“ David & Angie Henderson and Family purchased  
the Enduring Grace for the family of Mattie Mae  
Busby White.



David & Angie Henderson and Family - December 10, 2023 at  
11:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



TamaraNchris White - December 09, 2023 at 03:13 PM

BW

RIP mattie.you will be missed❤️

Brenda williams - December 11, 2023 at 09:27 AM

BR

My condolences and prayers to the family.

Brigitte - December 15, 2023 at 12:05 PM

CW

*Auntie Mattie, who gone make me turkey corn bread stuffing now? 😞  
Love you and miss you much.*

**Caidyn Williams** - December 15, 2023 at 09:44 PM

PG

“ *The Reed and Given’s family extend our heartfelt condolences to The White Family, we are sorry to learn of Mattie’s passing!  
Cousin Sadie, Pat and Henry*



**Patricia Givens** - December 09, 2023 at 12:24 PM

CV

“ *Sending my thoughts and prayers to my family! Love. Carletta, Mike, Alexis, Nell, Minerva, Liz&Robert, Ellic&Ruth, and Billy&Vikki!*  
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**Carletta Vick** - December 08, 2023 at 09:58 PM

PG

“ *We are saddened by the loss of our beloved Mattie, we are praying for the family! May God strengthen and comfort you all!  
Sending Love,  
Cousin Sadie Reed, Pastor Henry & Patricia Givens*



**Patricia Givens** - December 08, 2023 at 08:31 PM

RH

“ Our dear friend and former co worker *Mattie!* So sweet always a friend; easy and a joy to talk to! Our most sincerest condolences and sympathy to you *Calvin and Deidra* from *Hubert Kennedy Todd Hewitt and all the kiddos! Chloe', Kylie, Claudia, Alex, Chase and Caiden..m*

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**Reginald Todd Hewitt** - December 08, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ Sending my prayers and hugs to my childhood friend *Calvin and family*

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**Sherrie Brown** - December 07, 2023 at 09:03 PM

MK

“ *Mamie Long Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mattie Mae Busby White*



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**Mamie Long Kelly** - December 07, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mattie Mae Busby White.*



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December 06, 2023 at 03:12 PM

SW

“*My heartfelt condolence goes out to the entire family of Mattie Busby White". May God grant the needed strength during this time of grief; is my prayer"*



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**Sadie Poole White** - December 06, 2023 at 08:06 AM