

MRS. MAE FRANCIS BAKER, 89, formerly of Jacksonville, Florida, passed Monday, January 20, 2025 at the Wynfield Park Rehab Center, Albany, GA.

Mrs. Mae Francis Baker was born in Sumter County, Georgia to the parentage of the late Mr. Bosie Thomas and the late Mrs. Victoria Thomas on November 26, 1935. She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County, Georgia. At an early age, she joined the St. Paul A.M.E. Church of Smithville, Georgia. In 1959, she moved to Jacksonville, Florida. Upon locating there, she joined the Greater St. Matthew Church, where she was a member of the adult choir. Mae Francis was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Roosevelt Baker on June 4, 1961.

Francis, as she was affectionately called, was the youngest of four children, who all precede her in death: Mr. A. J. Thomas, Mr. Roscoe Lamar, and Ms. Doris Pope. Also, her niece that she thought of as a daughter, Margret Pope Douglas, precedes her in death.

Survivors are her caregivers and loving great nieces: Ms. Jennifer Freeman and Ms. Tezrisha Sanders, both of Albany, GA; her devoted nephew and great-great nephews whom she called her sons: Mr. Harold Pope, Americus, GA; Mr. Ja'Kyri Williams and Mr. Jayvion Williams, both of Albany, GA; her nieces, Mrs. Linda (James) Larkins of Albany, GA; Ms. Nadine Pope, Ms. Norma Hurley, both of Americus, GA; nephew, Mr. Leonard Pope, Jr. of Americus, GA; a godson, Mr. Kenneth Tyler, Hilliard, FL; a goddaughter, Ms. Sheila Gordon, Jacksonville, FL; and a devoted cousin, Ms. Ernestine Hawkins of Jacksonville, FL; other cousins, relatives and friends, including longtime friends, Ms. Veara Andrews and Mr. Gary Solomon, both of Jacksonville, FL also survive.