

Homegoing Celebration



Inez Beatrice Bates Sutton

December 1, 1929 – December 10, 2021

Friday, 17 December 2021
1:00 PM

Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A.
Prentiss, Mississippi

Rev. Rufus Fields, Pastor/Officiating

Obituary

Inez Beatrice Bates Sutton was born on December 1, 1929 in McComb, Mississippi to the late Howard Bates and Fannie Viola Hurst Bates. On Friday, December 10, 2021, at St. Dominic Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi, the angels of eternal life called her home to be with the Lord. She now resides in heaven with the same compassion, thoughtfulness, kindness, smile, care, and benevolence in which she exhibited during her life on earth.

Inez secured her place in heaven at an early age by accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Her growth as a Christian was cultivated in the Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church, Magnolia, Mississippi as well as the Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. located in Prentiss, Mississippi. She was a faithful member of the church all of her life.

Inez continuously devoted herself to service and ministry in the church, family and community. Her commitment to the work that God had given unto her hands continued to be realized in her service within the Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. in the stewardship of deaconess for above fifty years and church recording secretary for over 40 years. She also served faithfully as an alto singer in the Adult Choir, member of the Sunday School, Bible Study, Mission Ministry Worker attending to the sick and shut-in to mention a few. Prayer was an integral part of her life as she knew the power of God—intercessor and prayer warrior for many. Inez served in many leadership positions from teacher/leader on the local, district and diocese level. She also served and held the offices of President and Vice-President on the local, district and diocese level of the currently named United Christian Women's Ministries (UCWM) of the Church of Christ Holiness, USA. So much more can be said of her servant's heart and the work that she has done. She made known that in those places of leadership she learned how to serve more.

Inez was united in holy matrimony to the late L. W. Sutton. To this union, six (6) beautiful blessings were born: Alma Jean Miller, Linda Rose Sutton, Lawrence Eugene Sutton, Cynthia Faye Smith, La'Rue Darnell Sutton, and Larry Nugent Sutton.

Inez attended Europe Bates School, Liberty, Mississippi and Waynesboro High School, Waynesboro, Mississippi. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Alcorn State University (formerly, Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College), Lorman, Mississippi.

Inez was employed with the Amite County Public School System as an elementary school teacher where she nurtured, inspired, and educated hundreds of students. Inez retired from the Amite County Public School System in 1991, along side her sister (Willie Pearl Daniels) after 37 years of service to her community. Inez enjoyed traveling across the United States to include Hawaii and Alaska, gardening, teaching and ministering to young people, cooking, and loving to spread the Word of God.

Inez was preceded in death by her loving husband, L. W. Sutton after 65 years of blissful marriage, father and mother, Howard Bates and Fannie Viola Hurst Bates; six brothers, Bernell, Claude, Ellis Ray, Curtis, Marshall, and Larnell Bates; and sisters, Ollie Bates Scott and Willie Pearl Daniels. She leaves to cherish and celebrate her memory six loving and devoted children: Alma Jean Miller (Earnest) of Waldorf, Maryland; Linda Rose Sutton of Jackson, Mississippi; Lawrence Eugene Sutton (Blanche, deceased) of Jackson, Mississippi; Cynthia Faye Smith (Glen) of Terry, Mississippi; La'Rue Darnell Sutton (Mary) of Jackson, Mississippi; Larry Nugent Sutton (Cathy) of Byram, Mississippi; nine (9) in-laws: Thomas G. Sutton (Marietta); Queen Sutton; Carrie Sutton; Bobby Sutton (Lois); Oliver Sutton (Pam); and Margaret Moore-Howard; and a special friend of the family, Beneva Thompson; nineteen (19) grandchildren, ten (10) great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her servanthood spirit will be sincerely missed by all who knew her.

Inez's love and devotion to serving God and mankind has spanned a lifetime. She held fast to the profession of her faith in Jesus Christ declaring that she will work while it is day doing that which is in accordance with God's Will, His Way and His Word.

Don't Cry for Me

Don't cry for me for I am not gone.

I've left my memories to carry on.

Do not cry for me for I am still here.

I'm standing beside you, have no fear.

Do not cry for me, for my work is done.

I've watched you play and laugh in the sun.

Do not cry for me, keep me lovingly in mind.

Do not cry for me, just think of me from time to time.

Do not cry for me when the soft wind blows.

Do not cry for me because we all know,

that life is full of changes and none of us can see

just what the future holds in store - - that's how it's meant to be,

So don't cry for me though my journey may be long,

Don't cry for me, smile and carry on.

Program

Prelude

Processional

Mistress of Ceremony Dr. Gloria Billingsly

Congregational Hymn
"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

Scripture

New Testament Elder Kendrick Barnes
John 14:1-3

Old Testament Elder Cantrell Durr
Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer Elder Charlie Bonds

Selection Sutton Cousins
"Farther Along"

Words of Expression
Sis. Helen Lucas, Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A.
Sis. Pricilla Fields, Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A.
Sis. Monocia Connors, SCD-UCWM, President

Praise Melody

Obituary
(Read Silently)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions Sis. Gladys Warner

Selection Derrick Burt
"Your Grace and Mercy"

Words of Comfort Bishop Dr. Arnold Stanton, Sr.

Expressions of Gratitude

Eulogy Rev. Rufus Fields

Recessional

Interment

Lucas Tabernacle Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. Cemetery

In Loving Memory

Children's Tribute to Mama

God Is Love. We magnify His name for the gifting and expression of His Love through our Mama, Inez Beatrice Bates Sutton. Mama, we are ever thankful and grateful for being graced with a Woman of God who loves You—The Lord her God—and who loved us, loved her family and her fellowman. We know that you loved in Word and in deed always giving yourself to service. Indeed you cared for us following God's charge to *train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.* Proverbs 22:6

We treasure the memories, the wisdom, the truth of life lessons taught. We cherish the reflections on our family fellowship(s) from children to adulthood remembering those family meals all seated at the kitchen table where we passed the biscuits and grits at breakfast or greens and cornbread at dinner. The food on the table was lovingly prepared, blessed and broken. We were fed by the best cook. Some say that it must have been the love in you cooking that won daddy over. In fact the Grands have gone so far as to say, *Grandmamma can make something out of nothing.* Yes mama, not only did you feed us with the bounty of the earth, but more importantly, The Meat of the Word of God.

Your heart and love for us were always demonstrated as you sowed the seed of God's wisdom and truth into our lives. You taught us by example—the life you lived before us.

You taught us how to work with our hands so as to be productive and prosperous with God's blessings that *maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it.*

You taught us how to serve God and serve one another through love. Through all these things and much more we know your love.

You leave with us a rich heritage, a firm foundation on God's Word to continually build upon while giving Him all the glory. Doubtless, we your children can say that we have been favored and blessed by God who gifted us with YOU — Our Mama — for all these many years. We Love You Mama. See You later!

The Children,

Alma, Linda, Lawrence, Cynthia, LaRue and Larry

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren Tribute to Grandmother

In our Rose Garden of memories
We see you standing there
An angel in disguise
Who taught us how to care
We long to hear your voice
for real not in our dreams
We are missing you so much these days
how empty our world seems
People say time heals all wounds
that someday the pain will subside
But Grandma we can tell you
We think they must have lied
The emptiness we feel now
is strong and we are weak
These days go by without you
so dreary and so bleak
In my Rose Garden of memories
We know you'll always be
for though you're gone
from this mortal world
In our hearts you'll always be.

There is a wonderful legacy,
of which we wish to tell
About a beautiful lady,
that we loved so well
Her strength lives within us,
and grows stronger each day
Her honor still lingers,
though her life slipped away.

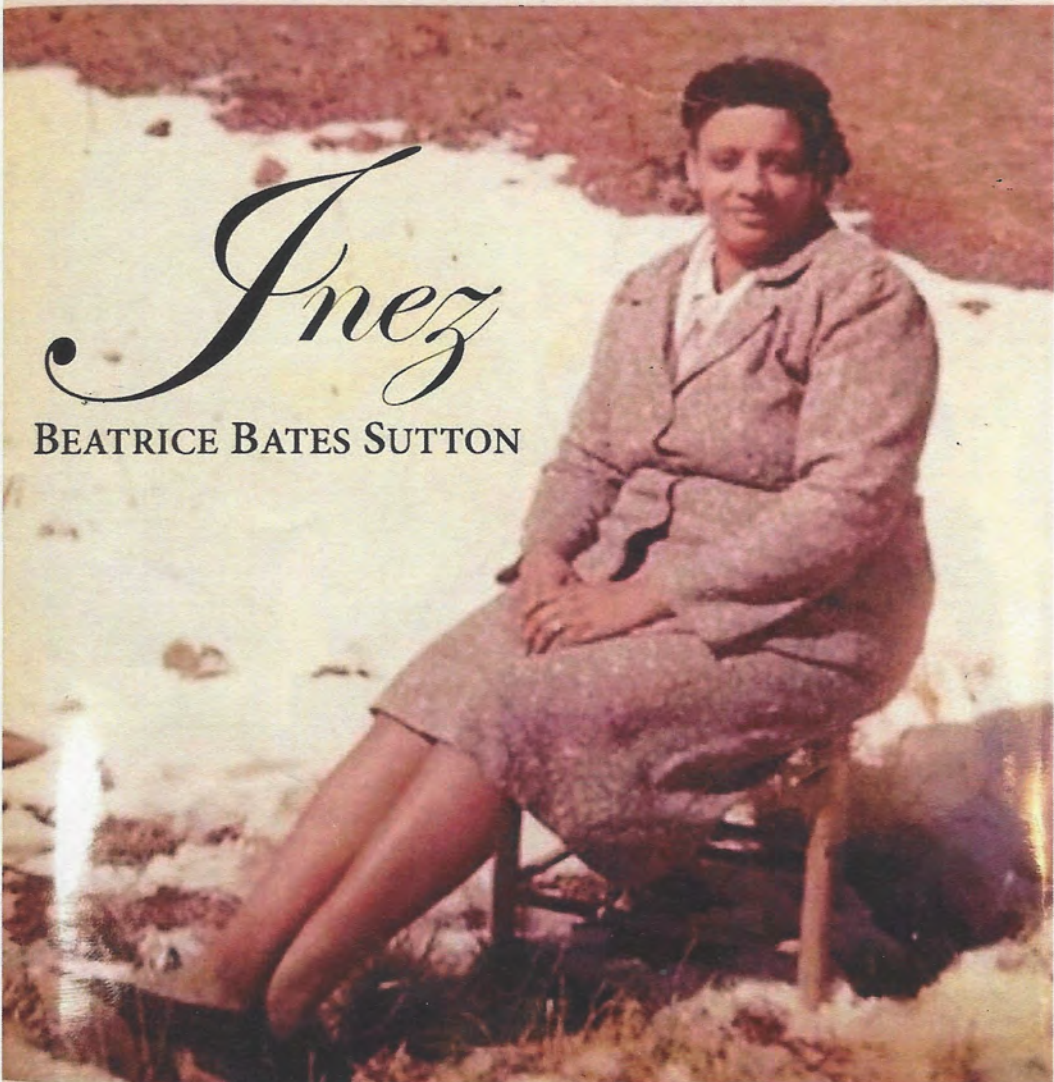
She fought a good battle,
then gave up the fight
To rest in the arms of Jesus,
what a beautiful sight
In our hearts her memory,
will always stay
Nothing could ever take,
her remembrance away.

We All Love You Much,
Great Grandchildren

Love Unyieldingly,
Grandchildren....



A LEGACY OF FAITH AND STRENGTH



Inez
BEATRICE BATES SUTTON



WRITTEN BY
LINDA R. SUTTON





Pallbearers

Active Pallbearers

LaRue Sutton, Jr.
LaMont Sutton
LaZerek Sutton
Glen Smith, II
Stephen Smith
Larry N. Sutton, Jr.
La Marcus Sutton
Shedrick Sutton
Richie Sutton

Honorary Pallbearers

Lawrence Sutton
LaRue Sutton
Larry N. Sutton
Earnest Miller
Glen Smith
Jasper Bates
Allen Bullock
Thomas E. Sutton
Timothy Smith

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Nieces

Expression of Gratitude

The family wishes to express profound gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of love, support and acts of kindness you have shared with us during the illness and homegoing of our dear mother. Every phone call, prayer, visit, card, e-mail, text, thought, floral arrangement and many other acts of kindness are deeply appreciated. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts to our churches, family, relatives, and friends.

Our gratitude is also extended to the Lucas Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A. family and all program participants; Jackson Revival Center; Alcorn State University; the Baptist Medical Center and the St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi; Home Health Care; Dr. Robert Smith, Central Mississippi Health Services, Inc; Ronald Taylor; and R.E. Tyler Funeral Home for their efficient service.

May God Bless each of you always is our prayer.

Repast

Immediately Following Committal Interment

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