

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Kenneth Holland
Holland Koepp
Grant Valentine
Michael Heath
Trevon Heath
Leon Holland*

INTERMENT

*Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
Thursday, June 24, 2021 -
9:00 a.m.*

Mom-Mom's wish ---

*"I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done."*

---Helen Lowrie Marshall

FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Family of Mrs. Drake is grateful to all who have honored her with their presence today, as well as to those who could not be here, but have also brought happiness and joy to her during her lifetime. We also thank the Carter-Taylor-Williams Staff and Pastor Ruth Martin for gracefully facilitating her Home-going.

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"Never place a question mark where God has placed a period."

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MRS. BERTHA MAE DRAKE

1917 - 2021

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Viewing: 1:30 p.m.

Service: 2:30 p.m.

***O. J. Carter Memorial Chapel
601 N. Center Street
San Antonio, Texas***

MEMORIES OF "MOM-MOM"

Mrs. Bertha Mae (Knowles) Drake was born to Mr. & Mrs. Redmon (Grace Roberts) Knowles on May 3, 1917, in Hondo, Texas. She was their third child (following sister Eunice and brother Ralph).

She spent her childhood in Hondo and attended the Colored School which offered grades one through eleven under the tutelage of Professor & Mrs. Leroy Edmerson. She completed high school in San Antonio at Phillis Wheatley (Class of 1936).

One of the joys of Mrs. Drake's life was shopping for fabrics and sewing them into the fashions of the day. She excelled at it. She had learned to sew in high school classes and continued sewing throughout her lifetime—making garments for her daughter, for herself and—when she had time—for others who asked. All for whom she made garments were exceedingly pleased with her work, but—being very modest—she never believed she deserved the praise she received for the quality of her workmanship.

Mrs. Drake was a "giving" person. As she became aware of the plight of the sick and elderly people in her neighborhood, she seemed drawn to help them. Frequently she visited, prepared food and carried it to those in need and/or homebound. She continued to share even as she became "one of the elderly."

She was an avid San Antonio Spurs basketball fan. She happily watched their every area-televised game until

the last few weeks before her death. She played basketball as a young person and the interest obviously carried over to her adult life.

Mrs. Drake was a member of East St. Paul United Methodist Church for over sixty years—the oldest member. Dearly loved, she will sorely be missed for her quiet countenance, her resolve to help those in need, her gentle sense of humor and her unshakable stance on truth and "right." Her guiding principle—attributed to a high school teacher who countlessly quoted it to his classes—was: "Be always sure you're right, then go ahead."

Preceding Mrs. Drake in death were her husband James Robert Drake and siblings Eunice Hysaw-Harris and Ralph Knowles, Sr. Commemorating her life are her daughter Peggy and son-in-law Leon Holland; grandchildren Lynne (Holland) Koepp, Kenneth Holland; great grandchildren Holland Koepp, Drake Koepp; nieces Dolores (Hysaw) Holland, Linda Faulder, Sheila (Faulder) Jackson, Faye Dell Knowles; Patricia (Jennings) Daggett, Brenda (Pleasants) Medows; nephews Ronald Knowles, Ralph Knowles, Jr; cousin Joyce Knowles; and dear friends Mmes. Lorece Porter Williams, Alice C. Ferguson, Lola Goff, Mary O. Tanner, Bobbie Anthony Bowie, Thelma Morales, Denolia Moore, Patrice Parker, Melondy Blocker and numerous other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

VIEWING

“Amazing Grace”

Mahalia Jackson

PRAYER

Pastor Ruth Martin

East St. Paul United Methodist Church

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 121: 1-8

Drake Koeppe

Psalms 122: 1-9

Holland Koepf

SELECTION "Precious Lord Take My Hand" Mahalia Jackson

FAMILY TRIBUTE

Brenda Meadows

RESOLUTION

East St. Paul United Methodist Church

Carlos Sheffield

SELECTION

Diane Miller

“We Are Our Heavenly Father’s Children”

EULOGY

Pastor Ruth Martin

RECESSIONAL

“Trouble of the World”

Mahalia Jackson