



## Marteal Joycelyn Singleton

September 18, 1923 - November 14, 2023

### LIFE'S REFLECTIONS —THE OBITUARY

Marteal Joycelyn Singleton, daughter of the late John Theodore Anderson and the late Tillie Marteal (Clark) Anderson, was born in Beaumont, Texas on Tuesday, September 18, 1923. She entered into eternal rest peacefully on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Mother Singleton accepted Christ at a very young age and began using her gift for singing while growing up in the church. She attended Wiley College in Marshall, Texas where she continued performing as a classical soloist. Marteal was introduced, by her older brother Rufus, to her future husband, Michael B. (M. B.) Singleton. Upon her decision to leave Wiley and get married, Marteal accredited her mother Tillie consenting to the union by saying, "Darling make your home your profession!"

The Singleton family moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1948 where they resided for 23 years. As partners in business as well as life, M. B. And Marteal owned a licensed general contracting business and various commercial/residential property holdings. She was very active in Tabernacle Baptist Church and the Church of Our Father. In 1971, due to health-related matters, the family moved to Phoenix, Arizona and became members of First Institutional Baptist Church. Marteal was active in several areas of ministry at FIBC most

especially leading songs during morning worship. She enjoyed working with children in the church, schools and early childhood settings. Most of all, she cherished her time with family and friends—near or far; sharing her gifts of kindness and grace with everyone she knew. In later years she moved to Colorado and, finally, Michigan to be cared for by family.

Mother Singleton was married to Bro. Michael Barry Singleton, Sr for over 50 years. He preceded her in death in 1995. She was the mother of five sons and two daughters. Two sons (by marriage), M. B. Singleton, Jr and Lavencia Singleton preceded her in death. Her son Dr. Earnest Singleton, daughter Sandra Singleton Sullen, and two grandchildren preceded her in death. She had three brothers: Joseph Elijah Anderson, Rufus Barnett Anderson, Sr, and John Theodore Anderson Jr who preceded her in death. Her precious memories will be forever treasured by her survivors who include: a daughter (by marriage) Annie D. (Singleton) Miller; sons Dr. Barry and Michael Singleton; twenty grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren, and five great great grandchildren. One son-in-law, Ocell Miller Jr.; two daughters-in-law Carol and Nghiem Singleton.

Martea touched the lives of many during her 100 years of love and blessedness. Among those are members of her extended family of Anderson and Singleton nieces and nephews (too numerous to name) and a host of other relatives and friends.

We are all benefactors of her wisdom and loving-kindness. Most expressly, we witnessed her lifelong testimony of the love of God through her Savior Jesus Christ.

The family is truly grateful to all for your outpouring of generosity and support.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

9925 West Thomas  
Avondale, AZ 85392

# Previous Events

## Financial Gifts And Tributes

NOV 30 (MT)

First Institutional Baptist Church  
1141 East Jefferson Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

*Marteal Singleton Tributes Florist Phoenix Flower Shops 5012 East Thomas Road Phoenix, AZ 85018 TEL: (480)289-4000 or (602)840-1200 main WEB: phoenixflowershops.com Click on "White Sympathy" page; it will read "Elegant Whites" Select "Beloved" or "Pure Whites" floral options Financial Gifts*

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## Family Gathering

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DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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**Kemp Home** - November 30, 2023 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Dr. Singleton, I'm so sorry to hear about mom, may God give you and your family strengths at this difficult time, my deepest sympathies and prayers to all of you.*

*Lien*

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**Lien Nguyen** - December 13, 2023 at 08:52 AM

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“ *Lien Nguyen lit a candle in memory of Martea Joycelyn Singleton*



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**Lien Nguyen** - December 13, 2023 at 08:44 AM

SD

“ My Dear ,Dear,Mom. How I'll miss singing with you over the phone. Me in Milwaukee and you in Michigan. I know everyone in between heard us when we sang Amazing Grace. I still can hear your beautiful voice. How you loved giving praise to our Lord and assuring me that He was always there with me and that everything would be OK. Between you and God..everything became calm again.I can feel you saying that again. Just the way you said "I lovvvvve you"

Sandy Von Haden (Mr. Deans daughter) - December 08, 2023 at 09:47 PM

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Kemp Funeral Home - November 30, 2023 at 12:58 PM



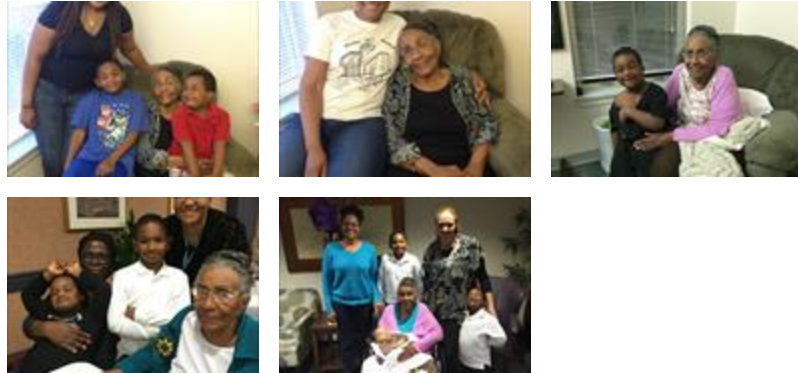
“ Grandma spent her life sharing God's ❤️ love. We miss her so much, and look forward to seeing her at the resurrection.



Marteal Lamb - November 19, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ Love ♥♥ you Grandmother!!!



Anna Singleton-Graham - November 19, 2023 at 10:25 AM



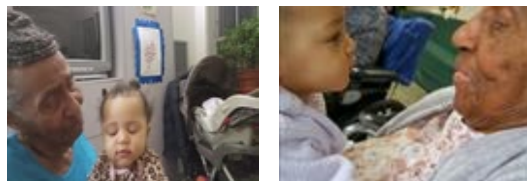
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Lindsey Armstrong - November 16, 2023 at 09:08 PM



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Lindsey Armstrong - November 16, 2023 at 08:31 PM