



## Ms. Hattie Lathan

December 16, 1929 - March 15, 2021

Hattie M. Lathan, 91, affectionately known as Mother Lathan of Maple Hill, North Carolina, passed away on Monday, March 15, 2021 at her home, surrounded by family. Apostle Lathan was born in Maple Hill, North Carolina on December 16, 1929. She was the fourth child of seven, born to the late Mr. and Mrs. John and Blanche Phillips. She is preceded in death by the love of her life, the late Bishop Jobe Lathan, her husband of 67 years.

She is survived by: four children, Steven (Anita), Isaac (Deann), Alice and Thaddeus "Sid" (Shawna). She was the grandmother of 16 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, goddaughters, Ruthie Johnson, Rosa Jackson and Delores Robbins.

Apostle Lathan attended school in Maple Hill, North Carolina and graduated from C. F. Pope High School as salutatorian. She later attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her love of Christ began at an early age and as a servant of the Lord she has always been a faithful worker. In addition to serving God, she has always served her community and fought for human equality. She is known for her piety, humility, genuine love for people and volunteerism before and after she became a Pastor with her late husband Bishop Jobe Lathan.

In the 1960's, Apostle Lathan was on the front lines of the Civil Right Movement, participating in sit-ins. She became well known on Fort Stewart, Georgia because she integrated the Sunday school teaching staff there, leading to interview requests from Jet and Ebony magazines. She was

baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1960 at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church, beginning her lifetime of service to Jesus Christ.

Her hard work and dedication in ministry were prominent throughout the 1970's. While at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, she and her late husband joined Williams Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. Under the leadership of the late Pastor Robert Covington, she served as president of the Pastor's Aid Committee, vice-president of the Mother Board, Sunday school teacher, president of the Missionary Board, and coordinator for the Prison Ministry. For the next 25 years, she labored in the vineyard by joining many Church auxiliaries, such as, Head Mother of The Mother Board, President of The Pastor's Aide Committee, Missionary Board and as a Sunday school teacher. In 1982, Mother Lathan was named "Mother of the Year." She was ordained under the leadership of the late Pastor John W. Peak, who greatly influenced her ministry. His guidance helped her develop in a threefold ministry: Love, Prayer, and Teachings. In 1985, she became an Associate Minister in the United American F.W.B. Conference. Her work ethic extended to the military, and at the Veterans Administration Building in Fayetteville, North Carolina, she taught Friday Night Bible classes to disabled veterans for ten years. Many miracles were observed, and many souls were saved, but she ensured that glory belonged to God. In 1986, Apostle Lathan and her late husband built a church in their community to provide prayer and reprieve in the midst of widespread drug use and gang violence. Through their outreach ministries, they compelled many in the community to attend church and serve the Lord.

Bishop and Apostle Jobe and Hattie Lathan expanded True Vine's enterprises. They established Nursing Homes Ministries, a food pantry, clothing closet, soup kitchen, meals on wheels, mentee-mentor, tutoring, and TV programs. Over 20 pastors, ministries and numerous ministers originated from their church. Other key community organizing events in the 1990's included: delivering the invocation at a fundraiser for Senator Bob Dole; Executive Board membership for The Partnership for Children in Fayetteville,

North Carolina and meeting with Governor James B. Hunt to discuss the needs of underprivileged children in their community.

Mother Lathan was a role model that lived the life she boldly preached and taught. In December 2007, then Pastor Hattie Lathan was ordained Bishop. The spiritual energy she possessed was endless and allowed her to continue God's work as Overseer of True Vine Temple Reasoning Center. She was a true mother indeed. In addition to rearing her own four children, she has adopted many other children, who were in need of guidance and unconditional love. Because of her love, care and humility, they all have grown up to be great men and women in Christ.

Several ministries were birthed from her teaching: Testimony TV Ministry, Community Food Pantry Ministry, Meals on Wheels, Holy Ghost Headquarters, Mercy Seat Ministries, Mt. Moriah and many more. The love she radiated, the compassion she showed and the anointing that God has placed inside of her made her an example to all. When we think of the "Virtuous Woman," in

Proverbs 31, we know that woman to be Apostle Hattie M. Lathan. Apostle Lathan states, "My mission is to help people change and be delivered. God uses me to make disciples and preachers."

Apostle Lathan was recognized numerous times for her accomplishments. On July 14, 2020, she was conferred as Apostle and Doctor of Divinity.

Throughout her lifetime she continued to make a difference in her community and church by being an example of God's love for all people. A book has been written about her great work, called A Love Ministry, but she insists God gets all the Glory!

John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

# Cemetery Details

## Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery

400 Murchison Rd  
Spring Lake, NC 28390

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts  
10225 Fayetteville Rd.  
Raeford, NC 28376

## Funeral

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

Cape Fear Conference B Hqrts  
10225 Fayetteville Rd.  
Raeford, NC 28376

# Tribute Wall

TM

“ *Tiffany D Monroe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Tiffany D Monroe** - March 26, 2021 at 02:33 PM

PL

“ *Pastor Kenneth And Brenda Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Pastor Kenneth and Brenda Lowery** - March 25, 2021 at 05:03 PM

PL

“ *Pastor Kenneth & Brenda Lowery lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Pastor Kenneth & Brenda Lowery** - March 25, 2021 at 05:02 PM

JS

“ *JoAnne Shepard lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**JoAnne Shepard** - March 25, 2021 at 01:45 PM

SW

“ Sharon Greene Watkins lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan



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**Sharon Greene Watkins** - March 23, 2021 at 02:05 PM

RA

“ Mother was whom God used to impact my life she taught me the Word of God, she. Taught how to pray as well as the Love of Jesus to the Family you are always in. My Prayers. God Bless each and. Every one of you pastor Raymond Murphy

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**RaymondMurphy** - March 23, 2021 at 08:48 AM

PM

“ Petronia Mcbride lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan



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**petronia mcbride** - March 23, 2021 at 12:17 AM

BB

“ *Pastor was a great Pastor of God True Vine Temple Reasoning Center. can preach that word I say to you Take your Rest Mother sister and a Mother of God God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for former things are passed away.*

*Rev 21:4*

*I would like to say thank you to the Pastor Hattie Lathan family for sharing a great preacher, pastor, and mom in my life. I know that she will be missed by many but acceptance in the Kingdom of God for the work and labor that she has already completed for the Lord. So I leave you with the following famous words of Pastor Hattie Lathan, let me know when church is ready to run an revival in the future, which will honor this legacy faith walk of a great preacher who always open the doors of the church to all and the pulpit to many before going home to be with the Lord.*

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! I met when I was a teenager in senior High School. She took me in as one of her spiritual daughter. She will always be a part of my life.*

*Love you mom (rest in peace)*

*Brenda Brown and Sec Effie Smith and member of Faith House of Prayer Later Pastor Goodtime Jessie Brown and Deacon Warren Brown Sr.*

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**Brenda Brown** - March 22, 2021 at 10:58 PM

KS

“ *Keke Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Keke Smith** - March 22, 2021 at 10:03 PM

KS

“ *Mother Lathan was a true woman of God and she will be dearly missed.*

*The Smith Family*

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**Keke Smith** - March 22, 2021 at 10:02 PM

JF

“ *JOHN AND MARY FURGUSON AND FAMILY purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ms. Hattie Lathan.*



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**JOHN AND MARY FURGUSON AND FAMILY** - March 22, 2021 at 09:53 PM

CB

“ *Carolyn Birts lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Carolyn Birts** - March 22, 2021 at 08:13 PM

PD

“ *P. Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**P. Dixon** - March 22, 2021 at 03:34 PM

PB

“ *P. Britton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



P. Britton - March 22, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Hattie Lathan.*



March 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

FF

“ *We are praying for you and the family, that God may give you the strength from the Heaven to bring you through a time like this. She will be truly missed by our family. Love Always The Flythe Family*



Floyd Flythe - March 21, 2021 at 08:42 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Brown lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



Brenda Brown - March 21, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MG

*Praying for the Latham Family.  
Roy & Mary Greene & Family*

**Mary Greene** - March 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

DW

“ *I met Mother Lathan at Womack in 1980, and she invited me to church. That church visit changed my life. Her encouraging conversations helped me turn my life around. Thank you for being a woman of God. Dorothy Washington.*

**Dorothy J Washington** - March 21, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ *I will always love you Mother for showing me what love really is!*

**Tomas LeMon** - March 21, 2021 at 11:36 AM

TM

“ *I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I MET AUNT HATTIE WAS THROUGH HER FAMILY, AND I LOVED THE TALKS WE HAD AND THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE THAT SHE IMPARTED INTO MY LIFE.  
EVEN THOUGH I HAD SINNED GROWING UP SHE NEVER JUDGED ME SHE ENCOURAGED ME.  
THE ENTIRE MONTGOMERY FAMILY SENDS THEIR LOVE AND CONDOLENCES TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND CHURCH FAMILY*

**TAMARA MONTGOMERY** - March 21, 2021 at 06:39 AM

BL

“ *Brenda Long lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Brenda Long** - March 20, 2021 at 09:59 PM

IR

“ *India Rives lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**India Rives** - March 20, 2021 at 03:41 PM

LS

“ *Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Linda Smith** - March 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM

AE

“ *Audrey Elliott sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Audrey Elliott** - March 20, 2021 at 01:13 PM

TF

“ *Mother Lathan, such a beautiful person inside and out. I am extremely grateful for all the times you stayed up praying for and with me because I couldn't sleep. I know you are shouting "glory"!*



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**The Family** - March 20, 2021 at 12:35 PM

AD

“ To my extended family / Lathan family words cannot explain how im feeling right now grandma Lathan was a phenomenal woman of God who could teach preach and sing i thank God for giving me a God moma and a great granny she will truly be missed She was a woman after God's own heart she truly lived a good life i thank her for teaching me about how to love people even when they are wrong or right The Lathan family has truly been a huge blessing to me Apostle Hattie m Lathan may you continue to rest in paradise And another thing that she would say to me love bug God is gonna bless you a hundred foil continue to live the life God has for you if people talk mean or ugly to you pray for them.

Anointed

Powerful

Old

Saved

Teacher

Loved

Excellent

Happy

Anointed

Tall

Talked

Image

Everything to me

Matured

Liked

Appreciate

Taught

Helpful

Appreciate

Neat

This is what grandma Lathan mean too me.

She always had a encouraging word for you from the lord.

And her favorite scripture was st John 13.35 a new commandment I give unto you that you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you,that ye also love one another

*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.  
To be absent from the body is to be present with the lord.*

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**Andrea dobbins** - March 20, 2021 at 08:43 AM

BI

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family. Praying for at this difficult time. I so love Mother Lathan A God fearing woman that was truly full of wisdom*



**Barbara Irons** - March 20, 2021 at 01:05 AM

BI

“ *Barbara Irons lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



**Barbara Irons** - March 20, 2021 at 01:00 AM

LS

“ *Bishop Lathan or more affectionately known as Mother Lathan was a very loving person. She never met a stranger. She was truly a beautiful woman inside and out. She's now our Angel and her and Bishop Jobe are together again dancing in heaven. Thank you Mother for everything you poured into me, especially your love. Your earthly mission is complete. Rest Well*

**Lisa Sanford** - March 19, 2021 at 10:21 PM

AW

“ *Apostle Linda WhiteheaHead lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**Apostle Linda WhiteheaHead** - March 19, 2021 at 07:27 PM

MM

“ *Loving and appreciating this beautiful woman of God! I am forever grateful to her and her wonderful family!*



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**Michele Mclver** - March 19, 2021 at 04:15 PM

VE

“ *Viola Lewis Elliott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hattie Lathan*



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**viola lewis elliott** - March 19, 2021 at 01:34 PM