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**Deceased:** HELEN DAVIS MATKINS  
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GREENSBORO -Helen Davis Matkins departed this life on Friday, October 27, 2006, while in rehabilitative care at the Guilford Healthcare Center in Greensboro.

She was born April 20, 1942, in Raeford, Hoke County.

Helen graduated from Upchurch High School in Raeford in 1960 and went on to attend North Carolina A&T State University where she enjoyed playing tenor saxophone with the A&T Marching Band.

Helen moved to Washington DC in 1962, seeking greater career endeavors and opportunities. Employed with the U.S. Postal Services for a number of years, Helen found her true vocation for life in dental technology as a lab technician where she specialized in crown and bridge construction. This lifelong career was spent in several labs from Washington D.C. to Greensboro, and spanned 30 years until her retirement from UNIQUE Dental Labs in October 2001.

All who knew Helen would attest she was an avid league bowler, a consummate bingo player, and an "involved" Masonic Family member in three houses. Helen was diligent in her duties to the Daughters of Isis- Khalif Court; the Greensboro Assembly #106-Order of the Golden Circle, and Order of the Eastern Star, Magnolia Chapter #23. Even into failing health, her loyalties remained to "bowling, bingo and the houses".

Helen was a warm and spirited daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, and friend. She spoke often of her abiding faith and belief in God's Will as the "author and finisher of our fate". While a long-time member of the New Light Missionary Baptist Church; she strongly embraced her adopted church family of the Believers Missionary Baptist Church who offered her comfort and were present with prayers throughout her illness and hospital stays.

Helen leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Cheryl Adair (Curtis) and Angela Robinson of Greensboro; her mother, Mary Davis Patterson and her father, James Covington of Raeford; four brothers, James (Peggy) Davis of Raeford, Christopher (Kathy) Davis of Greensboro, William N. Davis (Joannie) of Camp Springs, Maryland, and Larry Davis of Charlotte; one sister, Christina Davis-McCoy of Raeford; and four grandchildren, Curtis Adair Jr., Christen Adair, Jamal Quinton and Mosahn Elijah Robinson.

A host of other relatives and friends will remember and miss Helen.

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