Martha Jane Handley Bass

**Life Story of Martha Jane Handley Bass**

**Early Life**

Martha Jane Handley Bass was a beautiful woman who cared deeply for everyone she met—and in return, they loved her. She grew up with a giving heart, often putting the needs of others before her own.

She left school in the 9th grade to help her parents around the house, a reflection of her selfless character and dedication to family.

**Marriage and Family**

On **October 21, 1961**, Martha married her beloved husband. To this union, **six children** were born.

Before her marriage, she was blessed with two children: **Maple Jean** and **James Kaiser**.

Together, she and her husband created a large and loving family. Martha also became a mother to **eight stepchildren and many grandchildren**. Yet, she never called them stepchildren—she always said, *“They are my kids,”* and she never made a difference between them.

**A Nurturing Spirit**

Martha Jane was known for her generosity. She would feed anyone who came to her table, and she always found a way to provide for her family.

She not only helped raise her own children but also played a big role in raising her brothers. Her love and devotion extended far beyond her immediate household, reaching everyone around her.

**Faith and Legacy**

Martha Jane loved the Lord and lived her life guided by faith. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and sister. Everyone who knew her affectionately called her **“Mot.”**

Her family and community loved her dearly, and though she is missed, her spirit continues to inspire us all.