

*Home-Going Celebration
for*



Sunrise
February 23, 1930

Sunset
June 16, 2010

Gertrude R. Vice

Wednesday, June 23, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Pisgah A M E Church

354 Forrest Street • Jersey City, NJ

Rev. Reginald McRae, Officiating

Obituary

Gertrude Ruth Vice, daughter of the late Stephen Davis and Lillie Pearl Garvin Davis, was born February 23, 1930 in Eutawville, South Carolina. She departed this life on June 16, 2010 at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey.

At an early age, Gertrude was converted and joined the Live Oak African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Vance, SC.

Upon graduating high school, she migrated to New York City and attended Metropolitan AME Church with her beloved sister, Mildred.

On June 30, 1950, Gertrude married her life partner, Morris Vice and settled in Jersey City, NJ. To this union four children were born.

Gertrude then joined St. John's AME Church where she served faithfully as a Stewardess, Missionary and Church Treasurer. Known for her culinary skills, you would often find her organizing banquets, dinners and bake sales in order to help fund some church activity, she labored at St. John's until moving her membership to Mt. Pisgah AME Church, where she faithfully served on the Stewardess Board and as a Class Leader.

When not engaged in helping someone in need, she could be found organizing others to help neighbors and acquaintances do likewise. This spirit of helping others led her to become actively involved as a Committee Woman with the Jersey City Democratic Party, Gertrude was also involved with the Bobby Morgan Civic Association and would spend hours discussing with others the merits both good and bad of issues that she felt would improve her neighborhood and then tried to work with the system to make changes happen.

Gertrude was renown for Coconut, Pound and Rum Cakes and could put a five course meal on the table at the "drop of the hat". Gertrude also loved her greenery and would spend numerous hours tending to her backyard garden and her indoor and outdoor plants.

Coming from a large family, Gertrude was predeceased by eight siblings.

Gertrude's husband, Morris departed this life on February 4, 1994. She leaves to mourn: her beloved children, Barbara Vice of Chesapeake, VA, Collin Vice of Bridgeport, CT, Morris Jr. of Jersey City, NJ and Mark J. Vice of Newark, NJ; two adored grandsons, Shaun Morris of Atlanta, GA and Tyrek of Bayonne, NJ; brother, Thomas H. (Catherine) Davis of Bridgeport, CT and will be greatly missed by a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who gave her great pleasure throughout her life.

*"Morris and Gertrude; together again on what would have been their
60th Wedding Anniversary - June 30, 2010."*

Order of Service

- Prelude Sister Deirdre H. Gayle, Organist
- Processional Clergy, Officers & Family
- Final Viewing Cotton-Parker Funeral Home
- Opening Hymn “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”
John W. Fuller (Nephew) and the Mass Choir
- Prayer of Comfort
- Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Psalm 34:1-22
New Testament - Romans 8:1-5
- Solo Selection Sister Patricia Morrison
- Acknowledgements/Resolution Sister Erma D. Greene
- Tributes:
Sister Jessie M. Howard, President, Stewardess Board “B”
Sister Thomesena Moss, Class Leader
- Reflections
Family: Loretta Fuller, Great Niece, Shaun Vice, Grandson, Collin Vice, Daughter
- Solo Selection Bro. Paul Maxwell
- Obituary Read Silently
- Solo Selection “In The Garden” - Sister Patricia Morrison
- Eulogy Rev. Reginald McRae
- Selection “The Lord’s Prayer” - Sister Sandra Moss
- Recessional “Going Up Yonder” - Mass Choir

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Family and friends of the Vice Family are invited to join them in the lower auditorium of the church for the repast following the burial.



Reunited

Carry On My Children

*Carry on my children
And do not weep.
For today is not the end
But instead the beginning.
Carry on my children
You must be strong
For I am home with the Lord
And I am free from all that ails me.
Carry on my children
And keep my memory alive
Remember our laughter
And all the joys we shared.
So until we meet again
Carry on my dear children
For one day we will all be free.*



Acknowledgments

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you.

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