

*Celebration Of  
Life for*

*Sylvia Lorraine Ulmer*

**Sunrise**  
March 24, 1933

**Sunset**  
June 19, 2010

**Service**

Friday, June 25, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
535 Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Gadson L. Graham, Pastor*  
*Rev. Barry Graham, Co-Pastor, Officiating*

# *Reflections of Life*

**Sylvia Lorraine (Bell) McEachern Ulmer** was born March 24, 1933 in New York City, New York. She was the daughter of the late Arnold and Clarice (Webster) Bell.

At an early age the family relocated to Paterson. It was in Paterson she was educated in the local school system graduating from Eastside High School and later the Sherwood School of Business.

Sylvia began her career with the City of Paterson as a clerk typist in 1952. This was the beginning of many years of service to be given to the City of Paterson. She was elevated to the position of City Clerk in August 1967. In June 1972, she was appointed the prestigious position of Municipal Clerk by Mayor Arthur C. Dwyer. Mrs. Ulmer had the distinction of being the first African American City Clerk in the City of Paterson in the state of New Jersey. She held this position for nineteen years until retiring in 1990. During her forty years of service in Paterson she served under seven mayors and worked closely on various boards and with numerous Aldermen, Presidents and City Council members and Presidents.

Mrs. Ulmer received her certification as a Registered Municipal Clerk of the State of NJ from Rutgers University in 1978.

Following her retirement she did not remain idle she was appointed to fill the unexpired term of 3rd Ward Councilman Martin G. Barnes in 1997. At the end of that term Mrs. Ulmer was elected 3rd Ward Councilwoman in her own right and served as Council President during her last year in office. Sylvia also served as the Human Resource Manager for Concerned Parents for Head Start before retiring January 30, 2009.

Mrs. Ulmer served on many boards and with various organizations. Some of these organizations include Passaic County Vocational and Technical High School Board of Education (1979-1987), member and past president of Passaic County Municipal Clerks Association, past president, Marty Barnes Civic Association and former commissioner Passaic Valley Water Commission. She was presently First Vice President Passaic County African American Women 100 plus.

Her faithfulness and commitment to others would lead her to receive many awards and plaques. They include those received from the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Black Men and Women, Paterson Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Office of the Mayor, Rosa Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts, Marty Barnes Civic Association, 1997 Women's History Association, Paterson Public School No.6, United States House of Representatives and the State of New Jersey General Assembly.

Mrs. Ulmer was a faithful member of the Canaan Baptist Church in Paterson. She united in the leadership of the present Pastor Rev. Gadson L. Graham. She served as a member of the Emergency and Mass Choirs and was an organizer and director of the Parent Support Ministry.

She departed this life and entered eternal rest on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ.

Sylvia is survived by: her son, Brian; daughter, Patricia McEachern; three grandchildren, Reesha, Kimbrina and Jada; one sister, Gloria Rosser; two nephews, Barry Rosser and his wife, Barbara and Brandon Rosser and his wife, Asedua; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, friends and neighbors.

# Order of Service

Prelude .....	Organist
Presiding Worship Leader .....	Rev. Barry Graham
Selection .....	"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament - Psalm 23 .....	Minister Jacques McDaniel
New Testament - Phil 4&13 .....	Claudette Brooks
Prayer of Comfort .....	Rev. Barry Graham
Remarks	
Canaan Baptist Church .....	Deacon C. Carter
City of Paterson .....	Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres
Congressman .....	Bill Pascrell
City Clerk .....	Jane E. Warren
Tribute .....	Rosa Parks High School
Councilman President/Mayor Elect .....	Jeffrey Jones
Councilman .....	William "Bill" McCoy
Councilman Elect .....	Benjie Wimberly
Former Mayor .....	Marty Barnes
Passaic County African American Woman 100 Plus .....	Dr. Jessie Dixon
Poem .....	Markal Reed
Selection .....	Granddaughter, Reesha Martin
Tribute Reading .....	Special Friend/Bettye Peterson
Personal Reflections Family .....	Nephew, Barry Rosser & Son, Brian McEachern
Sermonic Selection .....	Ronnie O'Neal
Eulogy .....	Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham
Recessional	
Service of Committal & Interment .....	Fair Lawn Cemetery Maple Avenue, Fair Lawn, New Jersey

*Following the interment friends are invited to join the family for a repast at  
The home of Marty and Diana Barnes 15 Ridge Terrace Paterson, NJ.*

To  
God  
Be  
The  
Glory

Thank you Mommy for all of the love and care you gave to us. The Golden years that we spent together did not give us a chance to prepare for this day. But the way you raised us prepared us to follow the path you traveled. We will be sad and will miss you forever. We have a long road ahead of us without you but you will be the light that guides our path. To your friends you are so sweet and kind. To the city of Paterson you are a legend. To your family, your children and granddaughters you are a beautiful rose. We did not know that you would be leaving so sudden. That God would call you name. But you did not suffer and you left us with peaceful memories and though we cannot see you. You are always at our side and in our hearts watching over us. Our family chain is even stronger now. Thank God for you. We promise we will make you proud. We miss you now and forever.  
What you taught us to work hard so while we work Mom you rest.

Sadly Missed  
Brian and Patricia

#### Pall Bearers

Min. Jacques McDaniels	Arthur Redmond
Nayshon Royster	Rev. Charles Harris
Derrick Lamar	Frank St. Fluer
Ty Redmond	

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