

*In Loving Memory of*

*Gloria Rosser*

**Sunrise**  
January 3, 1931

**Sunset**  
July 9, 2010

*Thursday, July 15, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.*

**HOLY COMMUNION EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Carroll & Pearl Streets • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. H. Jocelyn Irving, Officiating*

*Cynthia Archer, Organist*

# *Reflections of Life*

**Gloria Clarice (Bell) Rosser** was born January 3, 1931 in New York City, New York. She was the daughter of the late Arnold and Clarice (Webster) Bell.

At an early age the family moved to Paterson, NJ. It was in Paterson where she received her education, graduating from School #Six and Eastside High School in the class of 1948. Gloria also attended nursing school and graduated from Montefiore Hospital Nursing School as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She continued her education later in her life and took classes in Early Childhood Education at Passaic County Community College.

In April 1952, Gloria was married to the love of her life Mr. Kenneth Rosser. They met as church members at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Paterson, New Jersey and enjoyed a wonderful life together until Kenneth Rosser's untimely death in February 1977. They had great times together and the church was an integral part of their lives. Gloria played the organ in church, was a Sunday School teacher, a member of the St. Aidan's Women's Club and each year would help organize the annual church picnic to Rye Beach. Gloria was also instrumental in developing various summer programs at the church for young people in the Fourth Ward of Paterson.

Gloria worked for a short while in various doctor's offices and clinics but she really devoted her time to raising her family and improving her community. She was a member of the PTA at School #Six and Eastside High School and participated in all bake sales, school dances and field trips. But her real passion was in community organizing and working to provide meaningful educational and recreational programs for the children of the Fourth Ward. Gloria was always at school board meetings, city council meetings and working with parent groups to demand the best for the students in our neighborhood.

As her children grew older she began to expand her awareness and involvement in the community and political issues. Gloria became a well known figure in various community issues across the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area, she would attend marches and protests that involved issues such as apartheid, women's rights, police/community relations and always education. Gloria was especially proud of her involvement and attendance at the 1963 march on Washington and the Million Women's March in Philadelphia.

Gloria worked as a teacher in the pre-school program at Daycare 100 and loved the daily interactions and inspiration she received from the young toddlers she worked with. She was very close to the staff at Daycare 100 and regarded her co-workers as family. Gloria also worked at Passaic County Community College as a financial aid advisor and helped to motivate many students to pursue a college education.

Gloria was a faithful member of the Church of Holy Communion and until failing health would participate and support all church activities. She loved her church members and cherished a relationship with many of them that lasted over sixty years.

She departed this life and entered eternal rest on Friday, July 9, 2010 at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, New Jersey.

Gloria Rosser is survived by: her sons, Barry and Brandon; daughters-in-law, Barbara Rosser and Asieduwa Collier; grandchildren, Maia, Akunna, Bryson, Brynn, Ade and Aneeka; great grandson, Langston; nephew, Brian McEachern; niece, Patricia McEachern; and many more nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

# Order of Service

Officiant ..... The Rev. H. Jocelyn Irving, Rector  
Organ Prelude  
Processional ..... BCP 491  
Collects for Burial ..... BCP 493  
Opening Hymn ..... "How Great Thou Art" LEVAS #60

## *Liturgy of the Word*

First Lesson ..... Job 19:25-29  
Psalm 23 ..... BCP 612  
Second Lesson ..... Revelations 7:9-17  
Solo ..... "Amazing Grace" Yolanda Hagins  
The Gospel ..... John 14:1-6  
Eulogy ..... The Rev. H. Jocelyn Irving, Rector  
Tributes  
Proclamations  
The Apostle's Creed ..... BCP 496  
Prayers of the People ..... BCP 497

## *Holy Communion*

Organ Music  
Eucharistic Prayer A ..... BCP 361  
Communion of the People  
(All baptized persons are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.)  
Communion Music (Organist)  
Post Communion Prayer ..... BCP 498  
The Commendation ..... BCP 499  
Recessional Hymn ..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LEVAS #189  
Organ Postlude

### **Interment**

*Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

*Family and friends will be greeted in the Parish Hall following the interment.*

# *Seven Principals Of Kwanzaa*

*Kwanzaa - a joyous and meaningful opportunity to reunite with family and friends and to pay tribute to our rich cultural heritage.*

*Umoja (Unity) - Pay tribute to the unity that is the foundation of the family and the community. Make your family the center of your life.*

*Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) Honor our identity, heritage and value. Think of yourself and lose yourself in a great cause.*

*Umija (Economics) - Re-Affirm the traditional values of generosity and cooperation, pledging to solve problems together for the good of the community. Make time for youth.*

*Ujamma (Economics) - Recommit ourselves to supporting and building our own businesses. Find a need and fill it.*

*Nia-Purpose-Rededicate ourselves to preserving and appreciating our proud heritage, passing that same dedication on to future generations. Plan to succeed.*

*Kuumba (Creativity) - Learn how to use our talents, imagination and creativity to bring harmony and beauty to our community. Give back to the community.*

*Imani (Faith) - Believe that we can transcend and transform our difficulties with thoughtful action, sustaining the eternal hope that no matter where we travel on our path to success, we are not alone. Recognize the highest power and manifest it daily in your life.*

*Harambee*

## *Acknowledgement*

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