

*In Loving Memory of*



### *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear  
But you see, the Master called  
me, His voice was very  
clear! I had made my  
reservation A heaven bound  
ticket for one,*

*And I knew that He would call me*

*When He felt my work  
was done. I know that  
your hearts are heavy*

*Because I have gone  
away, But when the  
Master called me, I knew  
that I could not stay. Yes,*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear- But, you  
see, the Master called me- And,  
now I'm resting here.*

*Yes, I've crossed on over to  
glory And to you all I say Just  
stay in the hands of Jesus And  
we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*



## *Bernice "Brenda" Mickens*

**Sunrise**

October 11, 1950

**Sunset**

August 9, 2010

### Service

Friday, August 13, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

**NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

153 Lawrence Place

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

*Rev. Robert Russell, Officiating  
Johnetta Bush, Organist*

### Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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# Order of Worship



**Invocation**

**Musical Selection**

**Old Testament Scripture**

**New Testament Scripture**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Solo**

Channing Reynolds

**Special Tributes and Remarks**

**Acknowledgements and Obituary**

**Solo**

Brenda Mickens

**Musical Selection**

**Message of Comfort**

Rev. Robert Russell

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Fair Lawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



## PRECIOUS MEMORIES

In the beauty of the day created by God and consumed in time etched in eternity, God blessed Catherine and the late Lucious Mickens, Sr., with a daughter they named **Bernice Mickens** affectionately known as "Brenda". She was born on October 11, 1950 in Philadelphia, PA the third of eight children. She departed this life and entered into life eternal rest on August 9, 2010 at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Wayne, NJ at the age of 59.

Bernice received her education in the Paterson, New Jersey School system. She graduated from the Professional School of Business in 1992. Bernice obtained her state Real Estate License from the Foundation of New Jersey Real Estate.

Bernice was employed by the Office of the Public Defenders of Paterson, New Jersey for thirty-five years as a Senior Administrative Assistant until she retired in June 2008. She also was employed part-time at the Lincoln Park Nursing Home for ten years.

Bernice loved the Lord. She professed her faith and received Christ at an early age. She was a faithful member of the New A.M.E. Zion Church in Paterson, where she served as a Senior Usher and treasurer.

Bernice enjoyed coordinating cruise trips with her family and friends. She also enjoyed family cook-outs, where she had to be the "Peace Maker" afterwards.

She leaves to fondly cherish her memory: her loving and devoted son, Reggie Mickens, Sr.; mother, Catherine Mickens of Paterson, NJ; two devoted sisters, Barbara Jones and husband, Robert of Bronx, NY and Audrey Reynolds of Hamden, CT; five devoted brothers, Lucious, Jr., Jimmy and his wife, Peggy, Earl, Michael and his wife, Wanda all of Paterson, NJ and Steven and his wife, Nichelle of Suwanee, GA; three beautiful grandchildren whom she loved and cherished the most, Reggie Jr., Davion and Raya of Paterson, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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