

0<u>bituary</u>







*Mary E. Stephens*, 87, was born on August 19, 1924 in Beaufort, North Carolina. She moved to Durham, NC before residing in the Passaic Paterson area for over fifty years.

Mary was a seamstress and was a self employed Manicurist. She was a member of the Union Baptist Church Passaic and a member of the Eastern Star Paterson, NJ.

Mary was a very loving and giving person, a good woman, great and devoted wife and loving grandmother.

Mary was the beloved wife of the late James "Jim" Stephens who died in 2001. She also is predeceased by one daughter, Martha Lee Johnson (2005) and a granddaughter, Bertha Woods (2005).

She returned to Gods loving arms on August 11, 2010.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories: one son, Lee of New Jersey; brother, Buster; grandson, Bertram Woods; three other grands; great grands; and a host of other relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional



Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey

## Togetherness

Death is nothing at all - I have

only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be the household word it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was: there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past: nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as before — only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.

-Author unknown

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