

A portrait of Marie E. Watts, a Black woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a red and gold patterned top. To her right is a large, vibrant pink rose. The background is a soft, light pink color.

*Home Going Service
In Blessed Memory of*

Marie E. Watts

Sunrise

November 10, 1946

Sunset

October 20, 2010

Service

Thursday, October 28, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

11 Ashland Ave. • East Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Michael Jordan, Officiating

The Obituary

Marie E. Watts was born November 10, 1946 to the late Jeanette Roeper and M. Jones in Charleston, South Carolina. Marie was truly a woman for this millennium.

Marie was educated in New York and graduated from the Borough of Manhattan Community College. She then became a registered nurse and practiced for over three decades. Marie then answered her Call, attended Lighthouse Christian College, where she obtained her Bachelor's in Theology. She continued her education at the Eastern Bible Institute, where she obtained her Doctorate in Theology. As a result, Marie became a Chaplain and a member of the United Chaplain International Organization and Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Marie (often known as Watts) had a love for travel and exploration. Some of her most memorable places to visit were located in four of the seven continents: Europe, Africa, North America and Asia. In North America, one could pin point where she would be during the winter season, just as long as it included skiing. As a member of the Jersey Ski, Inc., Marie would take a ride on the lift to her favorite slope in Aspen.

If anyone knew Marie, you knew you had an advocate, a protector and a friend. She was the rock of reason and support for many a person in need. Truth and candor were her means of communication. She could always be counted on to tell you what you needed to hear but would support and direct you onto the right path. Many young ladies from the Division Youth & Faith Services could attest as to how their foster mother supported and mentored them, as young as they were, with their children. She did not provide this support by visiting them in the shelter but would bring them to her home, where they would live for the duration of time needed.

One of her strongest attributes was her smile. When you received a smile from Marie she was looking at you as a real person with a soul and feelings. Her kind jovial way of talking to you about the past, present and future often times were prophetic. She was someone that knew people and God blessed each and every person by bringing her into their lives.

During the final year of her life, Marie spent several months in constant worship with God by reading the Bible and Meditating. With dear family and friends (especially her loving niece (Goddaughter), Adrienne Atkinson Rattray and niece, Phyllis Atkinson; dearest friends, Beverly A. Folkes, Dr. Corrine Stark, Jane Blevins, Jean Smith, Margie Gatlin and Sheila McCray) she kept her faith. She did not hesitate to give her testimony of her acceptance of the Lord, Jesus Christ, in her life. Marie answered the Master's Call to join Him. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.

Respectfully Submitted
The Family

Order of Service

Prelude Organ

Processional

Invocation

Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

Sacred Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 90 Dr. Justin Wilson

New Testament - John 14:1-6 Reverend Dr. Betty Smith

Selection “May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”

Condolences &

Acknowledgements Sister Harriet Jordan

Obituary

Selection “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Eulogy Rev. Michael Jordan

Recessional Family & Friends



Interment

Heavenly Rest Cemetery
East Hanover, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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