

<u>Obituary</u>

Blanch Santirosa, 79, of Newark passed away peacefully in God's loving care on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Blanch was born February 24, 1931 in Houston County, Alabama to Joseph and Annie Mae Garrard. She was a resident of Newark for over 60 years.

Blanch loved to sew, she was known for looking at a picture of a garment and being able to reproduce it from memory. She turned her love of sewing into a business and for some time owned her own shop in Orange. She later worked for the Essex County Division of Welfare as a Case Worker where she retired in 2000. Blanch was a devoted member of Solid Rock Baptist Church for several years. She later helped start a new church, Heavenly Vision in Newark. Blanch had a reputation for having a strong sense of community, always volunteering at polling stations during local elections.

Left to cherish her memory is: her daughters Yolanda and Mouri (Johnny); grandchildren Brian, Devon, Shante, Cherrelle, Tariq and Yusuf; great grandchildren Briana, Charisse and Decela; her brother Joseph; her many nephews, nieces, cousins and many beloved friends.

Blanch is predeceased by her parents, her siblings William, Henry, Ruth and Wilmer, her niece Anna and her grandson Jamal.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude Organist

Processional Friends & Family

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
John 14

Remarks (please limit your remarks to 3 minutes)

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

Following the interment, a repast will be held at 189 Alexander Street, Newark.

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

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow.

May God continue to bless each of you.

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