

<u>Obituary</u>

We remember Catherine Graves Mackey, a much loved mother and grandmother (a great grandmother as well), aunt, great aunt, sister and friend who passed on the twenty-seventh of November this year. She was eighty-one.

Catherine was born in Tybranch, South Carolina on March 17, 1929 to Joseph Graves and Josephine Mackey as one of five daughters and three sons. Catherine attended school in South Carolina and attended college in West Virginia. She had two children and worked several jobs. Her last employment was as a social worker in New Jersey. She encounter health challenges later in life but it did not effect her zest for life and her love of family.

Catherine is survived by a large family; her three sisters, Louise, Virginia and Sara; her children, son, Alvin and his wife, Donna and her daughter, Earlean; her grandchildren; the family of Earlean including grandson, William and his wife and son, Elizabeth and Joshua Emmanuel; and granddaughters, Monique and Natasha. Catherine is also survived by many more nephews, nieces, grand nephews and grand nieces.

In this moment of sorrow, we are reminded that life and time are inseparable. Life is the most one should expect and time is all one can ask for. Life and time are joined by the tender moments we share which are defined as cherished memories. Catherine will always be alive in our memories and we rejoice that she lived a long and fruitful life.

Order of Service

Processional Selection Scripture Prayer Selection Acknowledgements Remarks **Obituary** Eulogy Rev. Lee Arrington Selection Committal Viewing

Final Disposition

Recessional

Oxford Hills Crematory Chester, New York

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

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.

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