

In Loving Memory of
Mary Elizabeth Downey

Sunrise
July 26, 1927

Sunset
December 10, 2010

Service

Friday, December 17, 2010
7:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating
Daniel C. Johnson, Organist

Reflections of Life

Mary Townes Downey was born in Oak Hill Township, North Carolina on July 26, 1927.

She was raised by her grandmother, Hannah Tuck, in Virgilina, VA. She was raised in a strict Christian home, and joined a baptist church at an early age where she was very involved. She attended high school in Halifax, VA and completed her education in Paterson, NJ during the evenings after marriage.

On June 16, 1944, she united in marriage to Dock Downey, Sr.

After moving to Paterson, she joined the St. Luke Baptist Church then located at 187 Pearl St., under the leadership of Rev. A.M. Tyler. Mary graduated from Practical Nursing School in 1954 through the Department of Vocational Education and was employed in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, NJ. For eight years she worked as a LPN at Bergen Pines Hospital, and thirty-four years at St. Joseph's Hospital of Paterson from which she retired from 1989.

Mary was a member of Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church of Paterson, NJ, where she served as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and was commissioned by Bishop Casey in 1976. She belonged to Title I Central Parent Council, Paterson Adult Day Center, Paterson Board of Education and attended many conferences on the national level, including training seminars in the 1970's. She was a member of B.L.A.C.K. and was also a Lector.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dock Downey, Sr.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories: daughters, Dorothy Gill and Martina Downey; son, Dock Downey, Jr; three grandchildren, Julie Gill, Jennifer Woods and Ronald M. Gill; great grandchild, Melissa Michelle Woods; one sister, Dorothy Townes Greene of Richmond, VA; son-in-law, Ronald Gill; one sister-in-law, Ola Winstead; brother in-law, Henry Greene; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, devoted friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

*Acknowledgements
and Reflections*

Reflections of Life

Selection

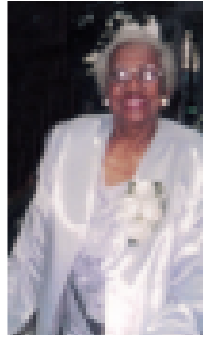
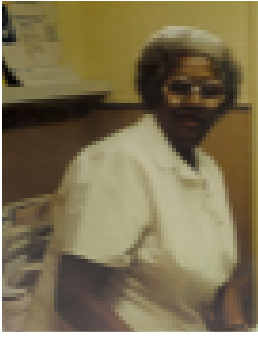
Words of Comfort *Rev. Anthony Cureton*
Grace Chapel Baptist Church • Paterson, NJ

Recessional



Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



Precious Memories

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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