

Celebration of the Life of

Sunrise
April 10, 1936

Sunset
December 21, 2010



Roslyn Massey Packwood

Service

Tuesday, December 28, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Heard A.M.E. Church

310 East Eighth Avenue

Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. Vernon H. Peters, Pastor

Obituary

Roslyn Massey Packwood was born April 10, 1936 in Elizabeth NJ. She was the youngest of four children born to the late Robert F. and Tessie O. Massey.

Roslyn was educated in the Roselle school system and graduated from Abraham Clark High School . She attended Livingstone College in Salisbury NC where she became a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

She later met and married Frederick R. Packwood in 1958. Fred and “Roz” lived in Roselle until they purchased their first home in Linden NJ where they raised their four children.

Roslyn was a secretary for the Ace Scientific Supply Co. For many years she was an office manager for the Massey Insurance Agency in Newark and Elizabeth , which was founded by her late brother Raymond. She later took a job with Eastern/Continental Airlines where she worked as a sales representative Until retiring.

Fred and Roz moved to Piscataway NJ where they resided until Fred ultimately retired from General Motors in 1996. Being both retired and having an empty nest, they decided to relocate to Las Vegas Nevada where they lived for 10 years. Feeling far too removed from her family, her church and life-long friends Roz “persuaded” Fred to sell their home in Las Vegas and return to NJ. They took up residence in Woodbridge until they finally settled back where their life’s-journey started, Roselle .

She was a life-long member of Heard AME Church where she attended Sunday school as a child, and sang in several choirs as an adult. Roslyn loved reading novels, bowling and watching women’s basketball. She also loved the occasional bright lights and loud ringing bells of slot machines in Las Vegas and Atlantic City .

Roslyn became ill in 2009 which required several hospital stays. She never stopped fighting her illness and always reminded those who loved her that she” took all her illness and ailments to the alter and left them there.” She succumbed quietly at home on Tuesday December 21, 2010 surrounded by her loving family.

She was predeceased by her parents Robert F. Massey and Tessie O. Massey, three siblings; Doris Massey Eubanks, Robert A. Massey, and Raymond J Massey.

Roslyn, “Gran “or “La La” as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren, leaves to cherish her memory; her husband of 52 years Frederick R. Packwood, of Roselle . Her daughter Andrea Simmons of Raleigh NC ; two sons Guy F. Packwood (Janet) of Somerset , and Scott W. Packwood (Deborah) also of Somerset ; and Daughter Patricia Packwood-Smith, of Roselle . Her adopted son Charles Joynes of Chattanooga , TN ; two sisters, Rita Flowers (Alex) of Lawrenceville , GA ; and Sharon Frazier of Roselle . A special sister Lucille Massey of Roselle, Goddaughter Lydia D.Massey-Agbejimi, Godson, Reverend Michael R. Eubanks, of Newark, A loving first cousin Wilma Liuga of Roselle, An uncle David Hancock (Delores) of Melville, NY, 6 Aunts; Mary Hurling, Hazel Walker, Arlene Carmichael, Carolyn Williams, Arvetta Farmer, and Helen Boyd. A sister-in-law Eunice Burchall of Saint Georges, Bermuda; a brother-in-law Edwin Packwood of Elizabeth , NJ and ,the family nurse Johnnie Boyd. 13 Grand Children, 7 great-grandchildren, her life-long friends who along with Roz were dubbed the “**KINDERGARTEN 5**” Francena Reed, Janice Freeman, Barbara Briggs-Turner, and Katherine Pollard; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family members.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Michael Reeves

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn

Scripture Readings by Members of the Heard A.M.E. Church Senior Choir
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor

Musical Selection Reverend Michael Eubanks

Words of Comfort Rev. James Coaxum, III

Acknowledgement of Condolences Ms. Joannette Keyes

Obituary Mr. Brandyn Flowers

Family Tribute Guy Packwood - son

Musical Selection T.R. Goyins Inspirational Ensemble

Eulogy Rev. Vernon H. Peters

Recessional

Interment Rosemount Memorial Park Elizabeth, NJ

Pallbearers

Brothers of Acacia Lodge # 23 – Roselle, New Jersey

Honorary Pallbearers

Rashawn Packwood

Darius Smith

Aaron Packwood

Jarred Packwood

Justin Flowers

Brandon Flowers

Craig Dotson, Jr.

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to the fellowship hall at Heard A.M.E. Church where a repast will be served.

**IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND
"ROZ"**

Together (for almost 70 years) we have developed a friendship based on honesty, loyalty, devotion, respect, and love.

Silently, we have felt each other's needs and wants, and wiped away each other's tears, always with understanding and love.

We have accepted and encouraged one another, respected each other's abilities, and delighted in the other's accomplishments.

Ours is a friendship without frills and garnishes, one where we could relax and be ourselves without masks or roles to play. It is a friendship that has grown over time, and it was a constant source of comfort and joy in our lives.

**WITH LOVE,
K5**

Cat, Briggsie, Pete, Cena



Acknowledgement: L. Turkeltaub

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