

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, white hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a light blue, ruffled cardigan over a white top and a multi-strand necklace of colorful beads. The background is a soft-focus blue sky with large, vibrant pink and purple flowers. An open book is visible in the lower right quadrant of the image.

Service of Celebration

for

Deaconess

Julia (Bowles) Blackmon

Sunrise
October 30, 1927

Sunset
January 10, 2011

Service

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
326 Ellison Street • Paterson, New Jersey

Reverend Dr. Douglas L. Maven, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Mrs. Julia (Bowles) Blackmon was born on October 30, 1927 in Paterson, New Jersey to the late Isaac H. and Ella (Weeks) Bowles. She obtained her education in the Paterson Public School system where she graduated from Eastside High School in 1945 with honors. In 1951, she married her child hood sweet heart Thomas S. Blackmon, to this union two children were born. After graduating, she became an employee of New Jersey Bell. After taking some time off to raise a family, she returned to the phone company where she was able to retire with twenty-eight years of service in July 1986.

Julia Blackmon was a devoted wife, loving mother, and caring grandmother. She always touched the lives of people she has encountered throughout the years. One of her accomplishments was becoming a member of the National Honors Society in 1944. She had been a lifelong member of First A.M.E. Zion Church Paterson where she was a Deaconess and Life Member of the Lay Council. She also served on the Alter Guild and Kitchen Cabinet.

Julia Blackmon had a fighting, "never give up" spirit. In spite of facing many health obstacles over the past fifteen years, she never stopped doing what was needed to overcome them. Because of her love for her family and her desire to spend time with them, she struggled through the pain. One of her refuges from the pain was spending time window shopping in shopping malls, which was one of her favorite past times.

She is survived by: her husband of sixty years, Thomas S. Blackmon, Sr.; her son, Thomas S. Blackmon, Jr.; her daughter, Julie Blackmon Robinson; her son-in-law, Thomas A. Robinson, Jr.; her daughter-in-law, Kim Blackmon; her grandson, Terrell Robinson; her granddaughter, Jazmyn Robinson; and nieces, nephews, many "adopted" family members and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Procession Clergy

Invocation Minister

Hymn #492 "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-10

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 16:51-58

Prayer of Comfort Minister

Choral Selection "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Reflections

Choral Selection

Acknowledgements H. Selina Nelson

Reading of Obituary Vincent Smith

Choral Selection "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"
Brenda Mickens

The Eulogy Reverend Dr. Douglas L. Maven

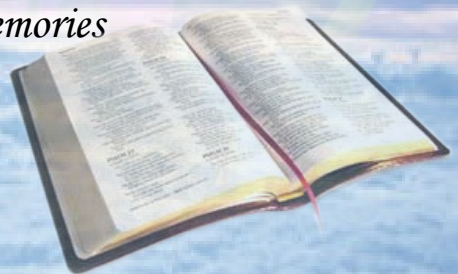
Recessional

Interment
George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

*A light from our family is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in the home
Which never can be filled*

*We have to mourn the loss of one
We would've loved to keep
But God who surely loved her best
Has finally made her sleep*

*After a lifetime of her love and joy
And music to fill our ears
God leaves these wondrous memories
To help us through our tears*



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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