

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Vera M. Williams*

**Sunrise**  
July 19, 1929

**Sunset**  
March 1, 2011

Thursday, March 10, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**Trinity United Methodist Church**

581 Clinton Ave  
Newark, New Jersey 07108

*Reverend Reginald Bynum, Pastor  
Officiating*

## Obituary

**Vera May Williams** was called to be with her Lord in the early morning hours on March 1, 2011, at the Beth Israel Medical Center. Vera was born on July 19, 1929 in Colon, Republica De Panama. It was here that Vera grew up and enjoyed her childhood.

She and her sister relocated to Jamaica, where she received her formative education. Vera attended the Halfway Tree Grade School in Jamaica. Vera was an ambitious student and continued her education by attending the Windsor College, in Jamaica, where she studied stenography.

It was in 1952 at the tender age of 23 that Vera immigrated to the United States with her family and settled in Newark, New Jersey. While living in the United States, Vera cultivated her passion for beauty and cosmetology. In 1955, Vera graduated from cosmetology school and began her entrepreneurial journey.

Vera opened Solanita Vera Beauty Shop on Springfield Avenue in Newark, New Jersey. She later changed the name of the shop to Beverly's in honor of her daughter. Vera was a business owner in Newark for more than 40 years. Vera was also the owner of the real estate where her shop was located. Vera was not only a business owner, but a real estate developer as well.

Vera was predeceased by her first husband, Joseph Williams. Vera was blessed to know love once again and is predeceased by Robert Gravely. To this union was born Vera's only child, Beverly Gravely. She also was a foster parent to two young girls, Rashida Vines and Latifah Vines who she raised to young adulthood.

Vera was an avid traveler, spending time visiting England and Paris. She enjoyed music and spending time with her friends and Church Family. Vera was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church where she faithfully served for over 40 years, until the Lord called her home.

Vera leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Beverly Gravely (NJ); her sister, Pearl Foote (NY); three nieces, Kathleen Woodham (NJ), Elena Woodhouse and Deanna Foote (NY); her nephew, Carlton Chisolm (CA); her grand-nephew, Antoine Orr (CT); her cousins, Joseph Stone (FL), Lascells Stone (FL), Lyndell Stone (MO), Audrey Stone Jones (NY), Enid Stone and Markland Stone (Canada) Roandreas Stone (England), Owen Latham (NY), Welshman Latham, Lincoln Latham, Michael Latham, Dossi Latham, Carl Latham and Norma Latham-Stewart all of (MA) and Althea Woodhouse (NC), and Tracey Koon; a wonderful caregiver and dear friend and an extensive host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

## **Processional**

**Hymn of Comfort**  
*“Blessed Assurance”*

**Scripture Reading**  
*Old Testament*  
*New Testament*

**Selection**  
*Leah Dade*

**Acknowledgements & Resolutions**  
*Deanna Foote*

**Obituary**  
*Elena Woodhouse*

**Remarks**  
(2 minutes please)

**Selection**  
*Leah Dade*

**Eulogy**  
*Reverend Reginald Bynum*

**Recessional**  
*“When We All Get To Heaven”*

## **Interment**

*Fairmount Cemetery*  
*Newark, New Jersey*

*Family and friends are invited for a repast immediately following the interment in the church fellowship hall.*

# God Called Your Name So Softly

God called your name so softly,  
that only you could hear  
And no one heard the footsteps  
Of angels drawing near.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

You're always close beside us, in everything we do,  
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.

We will always remember that way you looked,  
the way you talked and smiled,  
The little things you said and did  
to make our lives worthwhile.

Each time we look at your picture,  
you seem to smile and say,  
Don't be sad but courage take  
and love each other for my sake.

Just a prayer from the family to you,  
just a memory fond and true,

In our hearts you will stay forever  
because we thought the world of you.

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Vera Williams** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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