

Celebration of Life for
Lou Ida Reels

First Life
July 24, 1920

New Life
April 4, 2011



Service

Monday, April 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

SERENITY BAPTIST CHURCH

132-142 N. 1st Street • Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Adolphus C. Ross, Pastor

Rev. Robert Howell, Sr., Officiating

Susan McKay, Organist

Reflections of Life

Lou Ida Reels was born on July 24, 1920 in Ridgeway, North Carolina to the late Reverend William and Alice Plummer Holloway.

After high school, she moved to New York and then to Paterson, NJ in 1938. She was a domestic worker for several families in the North Jersey area.

Lou Ida met and married the late Earle Reels and to this union nine children were born. Being brought up in the church instilled in her the drive to raise her children with a Christian upbringing.

She became a member of Canaan Baptist Church and later moved her membership to Solid Rock Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Busy Bees and the Gospel Chorus. In 1979, she became a charter member of Serenity Baptist Church and a member of the Mother's Board which had nine members. She also was a member of the Busy Bees and the Missionary Circle. Lou Ida attended church regularly and always had a smile on her face and a hearty laugh to go along with it. She was known for making people laugh, as well as, enjoying a good meal. Throughout her struggles in life she never lost her smile and her sense of humor. She loved her family, her friends and her church. Lou Ida also had a special relationship with Pastor Ross who would visit her regularly when she was not able to attend church services. She was the sole surviving member of the original Mother's Board members.

She was predeceased by five daughters, Rosa Bryant, Sarah Reels, Annie Carter, Juanita Reels, Barbara Reels; one son, William Reels; brothers, Leroy Holloway, Frederick Douglass Holloway, Joe Henderson and William Henderson; sisters, Mary Parker, Rose Holloway, Orabell Henderson, Sarah (Peaches) Howell and Emma Dortch; one niece, Denise Howell Brister; nephew, Jerome (Jerry) Howell; four grandchildren, William Bryant, Rose Carter, Earl Reels Jr., and Kevin Reels.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, daughter, Mary Reels Mack of Paterson, NJ; sons, Earl (Johnny Boy) of Iselin, NJ and Rev. George W. of Paterson, NJ; two daughters-in-law, Patricia Reels of Paterson, NJ and Rev. Bertha Reels of Iselin, NJ; three grandchildren that she raised, Felicia (Lisa) Earle, Frizel (Boo) Barrier and Deborah (Deb) Reels; along with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Choir

Invocation

Rev. Adolphus Ross

Congregational Hymn - No. 94

"Near the Cross"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 90

New Testament - John 14:1-16

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. George Reels

Solo

Danielle Howell

Reflections

& Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Song

Choir

Eulogy

Rev. Robert Howell, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!*

*I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.*

*I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.*

*Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.*

*Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of Lou Ida Reels wishes to thank all of you for your cards, calls, condolences, gifts and prayers. May God's blessing continue to be with each of you.

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