

A Celebration of Life
for

Sunrise
February 14, 1918

Sunset
April 22, 2011

Margaret Ann Howard

Service

Saturday, April 30, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

ELMWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

135 Elmwood Ave. • East Orange, NJ 07018

The Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Sr., Officiating

The Obituary

Margaret Ann Highsmith Howard was born on February 14, 1918 to the late James Highsmith and Maggie Congleton Highsmith in Williamston, North Carolina. Margaret was the youngest of six children.



Margaret received her early education in the North Carolina Public School system and upon completion of high school she attended Elizabeth City University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. She also graduated from Newark Beauty College in Newark, New Jersey.

During the 1940's, she moved to Newark, NJ. Margaret was united in holy matrimony to Rufus Howard in 1948. Their union remained blessed until his death in 2007. She was the secretary for their business, "The Howard Floor Refinishing Company," until their retirement. She enjoyed cooking and baking; especially rolls. Her favorite hymn was "Amazing Grace." Margaret loved to shop, was always stylishly attired, and wore her hair "just right."

At an early age, Margaret accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized. She was a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, and in 1961 she joined Elmwood United Presbyterian Church in East Orange, NJ. She was an ordained deacon, member of the Flower Club (Treasurer for thirty years), and a member of the Presbyterian Women.

Margaret was predeceased by her parents, husband, brothers and sisters. She leaves to cherish her memories: nieces, Levoria Richardson, Pauline Killiebrew, Evelyn Wofford, Verdell Jefferson, Gloria Bell-Oliver, Margaret Daniels, and Delores Jackson; nephews, Clarence Highsmith and Alton Highsmith; godson, Chris Ross; close friends, Jimelle Ross, Brigirtta Lewis, Bill Ward, Betty Ward and Robinette Ward; and a host of other relatives and friends.

An Order For The Worship Of God

Processional “For All the Saints”

Call To Worship

Prayer of Comfort

Opening Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Reading

Organ Selection Mr. Ronald Baltimore

Reading of the Obituary..... Mrs. Betty Ward

Remarks/

Acknowledgements Mrs. Helyn Payne Baltimore

Solo Mrs. Jean L. James

Eulogy The Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Sr.

Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”



Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Margaret Ann Howard** would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to them during their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving Care.

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