

In Loving Memory of



Lena Rhodes

Sunrise

October 6, 1913

Sunset

May 19, 2011

Service

Friday, May 27, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

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Rev. Ruth Thompson, Officiating

Obituary

Lena Rhodes, one of two daughters and two sons, was born to the late Robert and Victoria Johnson on October 6, 1913.

She attended school in Arapahoe, North Carolina, the city of her birth. To help care for her family, Lena left school at an early age because caring for others would become her “Divine Purpose” on this earth.

In 1932, Lena married the late Joshua Rhodes and lovingly cared for their own nine sons and daughters. Before the fifth child was born the family moved to Brooklyn, NY, where Joshua and Lena organized First Corinthians Baptist Church under the pastoral guidance of Reverend Benjamin Simmons. Deacon and Deaconess Rhodes continued God’s work in their church community and home.

Sister Rhodes diligently and faithfully tended to her church family even after the sunset upon Deacon Rhodes in 1973. When she was no longer able to drive to her church in Brooklyn, Sister Rhodes became a member of Tabernacle C.M.E. Church in Queens, NY. There under the leadership of Rev. Hobbs and later Rev. Headin, she became one of the Mothers of Tabernacle C.M.E. Church.

Even as a domestic employee for the Westchester Jewish Community Service, Mother Rhodes was always taking care of others. On the path of her Divine Purpose on this earth.

Mother Rhodes was predeceased by four of her nine children, Jonathan, Roscoe, Cleo and Essie. Left to cherish her memory are: daughter, Victoria of Clerment, FL, Eugene (Lila) of Jamaica, WI, Robert (Janette) of Brooklyn, NY, Johnny of Far Rockaway, NY and Steven of Jamaica, NY; the host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and great great great grandchildren are far too numerous to name here, as are the multitude of family, friends and church family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Comfort “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer Rev. Jeffrey Wheeler

Scripture Readings Rev. Chanita Thompson

Old Testament Psalm 90:1-6

New Testament John 14:1-6

Musical Selection The Gospel Chorus
Tabernacle Community C.M.E. Church

Acknowledgements Phyllis Johnson

Obituary Angel Smith

Musical Selection

Eulogy Rev. Ruth Thompson

Committal

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Plain Lawn Cemetery
Hicksville, New York

Repast

Tabernacle Community C.M.E. Church

Dr. Q.A. Headen, Sr., Pastor

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