

In Loving Memory of

Margaret Ann Billings



Sunrise
March 26, 1910

Sunset
June 3, 2011

Service

Monday, June 13, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

259 South Broad Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. George Maize, III, Pastor

Celebration of the Life of **Margaret Ann Billings**

Margaret Ann Billings was born March 26, 1910 and transitioned from this life on June 3, 2011. She was 101 years old.

As the youngest daughter of the late Peter and Margaret Billings, she was the last surviving child of seven children (Ethel, Alice Billings Brown Thompson, Florence, Peter, Percy and Milton). Margaret was born in Paramus, New Jersey. At the age of ten, she moved with her family to 438 Van Buren Street in Ridgewood, New Jersey where attended school. As a student Margaret excelled and had perfect attendance. She was one of the first if not the first African-American to graduate from Ridgewood High School. After high school she worked for Woolworths and did domestic work.

Margaret had a deep commitment to God, family and friends. She was a member and attended Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Ridgewood. With close family ties, Margaret cared for each family member at home with great care and love. She enjoyed visiting with friends and taking long Sunday rides after church. Margaret also enjoyed gardening, reading and writing. Margaret, following a family tradition believed in Natural Health and the use of herbal medicine.

“Aunt Margaret” or “Miss Billings” as she was lovingly referred to, will be missed by all for her love and wisdom. She is survived by her great nieces and nephews, Alice Garvin(NJ), John Ferguson (NJ), Walter Ferguson (FL), Antoniette Brown, Tracey White (MN), Audrey Morris (CA), Inez Ferguson(GA), Ellen Due (CA) and Toya Brown-Nick (NY); and a host of many more family members and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy *Rev. Eli Smith*

Shiloh AME Zion Church • Staten Island, NY

Recessional



Interment

Vallean Cemetery

Ridgewood, New Jersey

*Aunt Margaret,
Thank you for being an example of God's love to us. We will miss
you and a piece of our heart and our history goes with you.
Your Family*

*Love is patient,
love is kind
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

Acknowledgement

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support during our loss. May God bless you all as you trust in Him.
The Family*

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