

Homegoing Service for



Catherine (Westbury) Mickens



Precious Memories



*In the beauty of a day created by God and consumed in time and etched in eternity, God blessed the late Joseph and Rutha Westbury with a daughter they named **Catherine**. **Catherine Westbury** was born on August 28, 1931 in Lee County, South Carolina. She was the fifth of six children.*

***Catherine** received her education in the Lee County School system. In the late years she would continue her education receiving her CNA License through the Paterson General Hospital Nursing Program.*

***Catherine** loved the Lord she professed her faith and received Christ at an early age. She was a former member of the Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, Lee County, SC. **Catherine** at the time of her passing was a faithful member of the New A.M.E Zion Church, Paterson. Here she served as a Senior Usher and a Flower Board member.*

***Catherine** met and married the late Lucious Mickens. From this union eight children were born, Lucious, Jr., Barbara, Bernice, Jimmy, Earl, Michael, Audrey and Steven.*

***Catherine** along with her husband, Lucious moved with their family to Paterson in the early 1950s.*

She was employed by the Paterson later Wayne General Hospital for thirty-five years before retiring fifteen years ago.

***Catherine** enjoyed life to the fullest. She loved spending time with her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren.*

***Catherine** was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lucious, daughter, Bernice, parents, Joseph and Rutha Westbury, two sisters, Tommie and Josephine, two brothers, Carl and Jerry, daughter-in-law, Peggy.*

She leaves to fondly cherish wonderful memories; her devoted sons, Lucious, Jr., Jimmy, Earl and Michael and his wife, Wanda all of Paterson, Steven and his wife, Nichelle of Suwannes, GA; loving daughters, Barbara Jones and husband, Robert of Bronx, NY and Audrey Reynolds of Hamden, CT; one loving sister, Ellen Thomas of Delaware; five sisters-in-law, Aretha, Mattie of New Jersey, Ola Mae and Elease, SC, three brothers-in-law, Edward Thomas of DE, James of Newark, NJ, Ernest Ridgewood, NJ; eleven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Order of Service

Service

Friday, June 24, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW A.M.E ZION CHURCH

153 Lawrence Place
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Robert C. Russell, Officiating

Invocation

Musical Selection *New A.M.E. Zion Choir*

Old Testament

Scripture Readings *Psalm 23*

New Testament

Scripture Readings *John 14:1-4*

Prayer of Comfort

Solo *Channing Reynolds*

Special Tributes and Remarks *(two minutes)*

Reading of Acknowledgements

and Obituary *Mary Tourse*

Solo *Brenda Mickens*

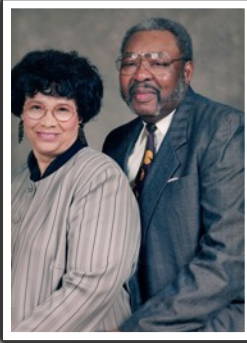
Musical Selection *New A.M.E. Choir*

Message of Comfort *Rev. Robert C. Russell*

Recessional

Interment

Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



A Letter From Heaven

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears of sadness; Here is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and He said, I welcome you. Its good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest

family, They'll be here later on. I need you here so badly, you are part of my plan.

There is so much that we can do, to help our mortal man. God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night the days chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you....in the middle of the night. When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years. Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. If I were to tell you , you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is over. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who is in sorrow and pain; Then you can say to God at night....My day was not in vain. And now I am contented... that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; Just lend a hand to pick them up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when its time for you to go...from that body to be free. Remember you're not going...you're coming here to me.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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