

*In Loving Memory
of*



Sunrise

July 11, 1921

Sunset

July 12, 2011

Mattie P. Gordon

Wednesday, July 20, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

GALILEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

325 Genesee Avenue • Englewood, NJ 07631

Rev. Sherrie Dobbs Johnson, Officiating

Obituary

Mattie Mae Perry Gordon was born on July 11, 1921 in Edgefield, South Carolina to Mr. Limus and Mrs. Lula Wallace Perry. She was the youngest of nine children. Mattie Mae's twin sister, Charlotte, died shortly after birth.

Mattie moved to Harlem, New York City where she attended public schools. After graduating from high school, she began working as a secretary. Later, she moved to Washington, DC to work at the Pentagon for the Department of Defense. While in Washington, Mattie met William Thomas Gordon, and the two were married shortly before World War II.

Mattie returned to New York City to live with her sisters, Lucille and Carrie while Bill served in the US Army in Europe. Their daughter, Dianne was born in 1952 in Harlem, New York City.

The family bought a home and moved to Teaneck, NJ in 1955. Mattie continued to work as a secretary for the New York Department of Employment and later New York City Public Schools, where she made several friends over the decades. She attended Hunter College.

She attended Galilee United Methodist Church for many years, where she worked as a secretary, before formally joining the church in 1985. Mattie served as a church trustee, was active in numerous church organizations, including the United Methodist Women, and organized the church annual Flea market. She also participated in the church's ministry to the homeless in Hackensack.

Mattie retired from the New York City Public School System in 2007. During her retirement years, she enjoyed shopping and joining activities at the Teaneck Senior Center. She loved to travel and enjoyed cruises and bus rides throughout North America.

Mattie Mae Perry Gordon is survived by her daughter, Dianne; her granddaughter, Devon; her son-in-law, Patrick McGrath; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

ENTRANCE

*GATHERING, WORDS OF GRACE, GREETING Rev. Sherrie Dobbs Johnson
*HYMN ‘Blessed Assurance’-#369, Red Hymnal
PRAYERS Rev. Edna C. Dismus
PSALM 130 Mr. Wayne Hamer

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PSALM 23 (*together*) #873, Red Hymnal
*Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27 Bishop Alfred Johnson
SOLO His Eye Is On The Sparrow”-Mrs. Maria Green
SERMON Rev. Johnson
OBITUARY Ms. Devon Gordon-Lyles
WITNESSES Rev. Edmund E. Martin
RESOLUTION Mrs. Erma Burrell
MUSICAL SELECTION Galilee’s Men’s Chorus
APOSTLE’S CREED #881, Red Hymnal

COMMENDATION

PRAYERS OF COMMENDATION Rev. Johnson
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Rev. David W. Briddell
LORD’S PRAYER (*sung*) #270, Red Hymnal
*Hymn “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”-#133, Red Hymnal
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rev. Johnson

Cremation

*Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey*

I'm Resting

*I've parted this life my loved one,
But worry not for I am not gone,
I am merely resting.
Don't cry or mourn
For God is with you and in your hearts.
Carry on.
We will miss each other,
But remember God is with us all.
Be strong my loved one,
For I am not gone,
but merely resting.*

-Author unknown



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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