

*In Loving Memory of*



*Ruth I. Spriggs*

**Sunrise**  
*June 23, 1931*

**Sunset**  
*October 30, 2011*

Monday, November 7, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
224 West Kinney Street • Newark, NJ



## *Reflections of Life*



**Ruth Isabel Marrable Spriggs** was born the eleventh of thirteen children to the late Gertrude and William Henry Marrable on June 23, 1931 in Stovall, North Carolina. After the passing of William Henry Marrable, Gertrude remarried and from that union she had a fourteenth child. Ruth departed this life on Sunday, October 30, 2011.

Ruth Spriggs received her education in the Oxford School system in North Carolina. After graduating, Mary Potter High School, Ruth relocated to Washington, DC for a few years.

Ruth moved to Newark, New Jersey where she made that her permanent residence.

Ruth gave her life to Christ at a young age. She was baptized at the Stovall Baptist Church and continued her commitment at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Ruth was a member of the Combined Mission Circle, formerly known as the Willing Workers.

As a young woman, Ruth modeled. In 1957, Emily Miles the millinery designer encouraged Ruth to enter a modeling competition. Reluctantly Ruth entered, won and was crowned Miss Beaux Arts at the annual Beaux Art Ball of the New York Urban League Guild at the New York Savoy Ball Room. Ruth Spriggs was the Reining 1957 Representative for the Schaefer Brewing Company.

Ruth worked at Westinghouse Company and later was employed by the City of Newark where she worked until she retired.

Ruth was such a pleasant person to be around and she enjoyed being with her family. She enjoyed her life.

She is survived by: four sisters, Myrtle Robinson of Philadelphia, PA, Mary Jones and Marian Davis of Washington, DC and Rachel Martin of Pottstown, PA; one brother-in-law, Davis Jones of Washington, DC; two sisters-in-law, Azree Marrable of Linden, New Jersey and Suni Marrable of Panama City, Florida; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

**She will be terribly missed.**

# Order of Service

Prelude

Musical Selection ..... Choir

Prayer

Scripture Reading ..... Cornell Marrable  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Poem ..... Diana Marrable

Musical Selection ..... Choir

Reflections of Life ..... Nazila Winfrey

Poem ..... Shronne Lewis

Acknowledgement/Reading of Cards ..... Sharon Ramsey

Remarks

Eulogy

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey</p>
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*She wished no one a last farewell, she didn't even say goodbye. She was gone before we knew it, Only God knows why. Some may forget you, now that you are gone, But, we will remember no matter how long. We will miss your smile, your gentle face no one can ever take your place.*

~ The Family

# *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've 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 head and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-author unknown*

## **Pall Bearers**

*Anthony Lewis*

*B. Bradley Hutcherson*

*Bernard King*

*Willie Hutcherson*

*George Marrable*

*Larry Royster*

*William Marrable*

## **In Appreciation**

We the family of **Ruth Spriggs**, Thank God for each and every one of you. Your prayers, love, kindness and support has truly been a blessing. We pray that God continues to Richly Bless you all. Again from the bottom of our hearts, we Thank You.

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