

In Loving Memory of
Virginia Louise Jeter

Sunrise
December 8, 1924

Sunset
November 16, 2011



Tuesday, November 22, 2011 -11:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

336 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

The Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, Officiating

Obituary

Virginia “Louise” Jeter was born December 8, 1924 in Montclair, NJ, the youngest daughter of Henry “HQ” and Lillian Brown. She departed this life, November 16, 2011 in Princeton, NJ. She attended the public schools of Montclair. While growing up in Montclair, Louise enjoyed participating in plays and the many activities at the old Montclair “Y”. After working in retail during the war years, she worked as a nurse’s aide at Mountainside Hospital and later at the Cardiac Home in East Orange.

In 1950, she married Allen Jeter and to this union two children were born, the late Craig Byron and Wayne Brian. After the birth of their children she became a full time homemaker and the family moved to East Orange where she maintained her home until her death. Louise was a very active parent in the East Orange School system serving as a class parent and a PTA officer. She was just as active in the community taking a strong interest in the lives of the neighborhood children. At any given time her backyard and porch were filled with kids. She took great joy in each child’s accomplishments and when they faltered she encouraged them to do the right thing. When her children were older she resumed her work life where she was manager of the Orange Uniform Center and an associate at Allewan Church Service. Louise fiercely loved her family, both immediate and extended. She was a wonderful, loving mother and grandmother, but also a great daughter, sister, aunt, niece and cousin. She frequently checked on the welfare of all. But, of course, with a heart for young people and her youthful spirit, her grandchildren were the light of her life.

During her teenage and young adult years, Louise was an active member of St. James A.M.E. Church in Newark, where her dad served as the Pastor’s Steward and Church Treasurer. In 1959, Louise joined St. Matthew A.M.E. Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. James C. Choice. Through the years Louise served as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Pastor’s Aide Society, President of the Flower Club, member of the Board of Christian Education, the Commission on Aids, Silver Star member of the Missionary Society and YPD Director. She also served on countless committees through the years. Despite her active service to the church, her biggest joy came from her personal ministries. Affectionately known as “Momma Jeter,” Louise had the gift of encouragement. She had a passion for reaching out to the sick and shut in. She would regularly call those in the hospital or sick at home to pray with and encourage them. She would also call those she had not seen at church for an extended period to check on their welfare. Her biggest passion was nurturing, encouraging and loving the youth of St. Matthew A.M.E Church. Whether it was a hug from a child or a kiss from an adult who she nurtured as a child, Louise lived to see the fruits of her labor. Her motto was “If I can help somebody as I pass along then my living has not been in vain.” We now celebrate a life well lived and a woman who impacted generations of people in the church and community. Every part of her motto has come true.

Predeceased by her parents, her husband, her sisters, Arcelia “Ceci” Garnett, Willie Ruth Wilson and Lillian Brown, her brothers, Hudson Brown, Harvey Brown and William “Bud” Brown and her beloved son, Craig. She leaves not to mourn her passing but to celebrate her life: her son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Debbie of Princeton, NJ; granddaughter, Teresa of Southfield, Michigan; grandson, Tyler of Princeton, NJ; sister, Nellie B. Hubbard of Montclair, NJ; nephew, Keith Hubbard of Montclair, NJ; nieces, Barbara Galloway of Farmville, VA and Robin Hamilton of Shaker Heights, Ohio. She also leaves a host great nieces and nephews, cousins and wonderful friends of all age groups.

Your love was a keepsake from which we shall never part, though God has you in his keeping you will forever be in our hearts.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

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

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Shirley Roberts

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121 & Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Rev. Valerie Hughes

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Rev. Donna Ho-Shing

Selection “If I Can Help Somebody”
Sis. Juanda Boxley

Remarks Michael Brown
Shirley Grundy
Shannon Stukes
Wayne Jeter
Rev. Wayne Shelton

Selection Combined Choir

Resolution/Acknowledgements Sis. Veronica Morton

Selection Combined Choir

Obituary

Selection “How Great Thou Art”
Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy Rev. Reginald T. Jackson

Recessional Clergy and Family

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey



*Your gentle face and patient smile,
With sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each
And died beloved by all.*

*The voice is mute and stilled the heart
That loved us well and true,
Ah, bitter was the trial to part
From one so good as you.*

*You are not forgotten loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.*

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes by, we miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can take your vacant place.*

Acknowledgements

*Grateful for the richness of her life. The kindness of her heart and the love of her friends. The family of **Louise Jeter** thanks you for all the compassion and concern shown to us during her illness. May the Good Lord, who has welcomed Louise bless you and your family.*

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