

# *Mass Of Resurrection For*

Sunrise:  
November 22, 1925

Sunset:  
January 20, 2012

A portrait of Virginia Dare Howard, an elderly African American woman with short dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a black and white floral patterned jacket over a white top, and a multi-strand pearl necklace. The background is a soft, painterly landscape with green foliage on the left and a bright, hazy sky with clouds on the right.

*Virginia Dare Howard*

## *Service*

*Thursday, January 26, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo**

Clinton Avenue and Van Ness Place  
Newark, New Jersey

*Fr. Longinus Ugwuegbulem*

*Msgr. Paul Schetelick*

*Officiating*

## Obituary

**Virginia Dare Howard** was born November 22, 1925 in Nashville, NC. She was the second child of William and Ella Baker Howard. Virginia attended Public School in Smithfield, NC. She attended St. Philip School of Nursing in Richmond, VA.

During World War II she worked in the Public Health Clinic during the summer months.

Virginia came to Newark, NJ in 1947. When she came to Newark, Virginia joined St. Mary's Abby and later Blessed Sacrament Church. Virginia was a faithful member for over fifty years. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and held the office of corresponding secretary. She was also a proclaimer of the word. The Bereavement Repast Group was organized by Virginia who served as president for over ten years.

Virginia was a great lover of classical music and opera. Each Sunday afternoon she attended presentations by Seton Hall University and New York Opera Guild.

Virginia was employed by St. Barnabas Hospital, Columbus and private duty. She retired in 1991.

She leaves to mourn her loss: son, Mark Howard; sisters, Ora L. Battle, Brenda Howard-Rowland and Yvonne Eason; brothers, Roland R. Howard and Malcolm Howard; aunt, Beulah Howard Armour; God-daughter, Robyn Birch of Crofton, MD; special son and friend, Melvin Hooks of NY and NC all my nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Juanita Howard-Stewart, brothers, Rufus R. Howard, Jimmy Howard and William Howard, Jr.

Virginia made her transition Friday, January 20, 2012.

*We can't all play a winning game, someone is sure to lose  
yet we can play so that our name, no one may dare accuse  
that when the master referee scores against our name  
it won't be whether we won or lost, but how we played the game.*

# *Order of Service*

Welcome and Blessing of the Body

Processional ..... *“Lead Me Guide Me”*

Opening Prayer of Consolation

Scripture Reading I ..... Wisdom 3:1-6,9  
Mary F. Brown

Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 23  
Cathleen McKoy-Bristol

Scripture Reading II ..... Romans 5:5-11  
Janice Champ

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel ..... John 14:1-6

Words of Resurrection and Consolation

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Lord’s Last Supper

Presentation Hymn ..... *“Give Me A Clean Heart”*

Gift Bearers.....Rosarians, Alice Williams, Jean Williams

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Lord’s Prayer *(Please join hands as we support each other in our grief)*

Sign of Christ’s Peace *(Shake the hand or embrace a fellow believer with a hope to impart Jesus’ resurrected peace & love)*

Communion Hymn ..... *“It Is Well With My Soul”*

Meditation Hymn/Solo ..... Marleyne Tronchin

Obituary ..... Read Silently

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn ..... *“When We All Get To Heaven”*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, 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.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.*

*I could not stay another day.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I 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 heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-The Family*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks  
for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.*

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