

*In Loving Memory of*



*Macie Sanford*

*Sunrise*

September 3, 1932

*Sunset*

February 17, 2012

Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
10:00 a.m.

**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**

459-65 Avon Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey

*To our beloved grandmother,  
Words can't explain the joy that you brought into our  
lives. Even though our hearts are heavy, we know that we  
will want you to live our best, with taking your wisdom  
and applying it to our own lives. You were the rock of our  
family. You always valued family, and was unselfish. We  
will miss you, we love you, and thank you for given each  
and everyone of use a piece of your wisdom.*

*Love,  
Your grandchildren*



### *Remember*

*I remember when the sun shined so bright, you were  
here and you love me with all your might. Now the  
good Lord has taken you away, but in my heart you  
will always stay. When you died I didn't think I could  
go on, but your love assured me it would be okay and  
I would have to move on. There are so many thoughts  
I left unspoken, wishing I could go back and tell you  
everything that left me heart broken. Watching you  
was too much to bare, grandma you was always there  
but it still haunts me deep down inside, sometimes I see  
you standing there and I try to run but you turn into  
thin air. Life will never be the same since you're gone  
but one thing you taught me is how to be strong. If I  
could speak to you one last time I would say "grandma  
why did you have to go so far away?"*

*Love You,  
Your Great Grandchildren*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Macie Sanford** was born September 3, 1932 in Anderson, South Carolina to Dewee Lee and Willie Mae Sherard. Macie Sanford was very young when her father passed away so she never got to know him. She always contributed not knowing her father to her keen sense in relating to people. Macie left Anderson, SC after high school and met her only love Peter Sanford. They married in 1955 and began to start their own family. Macie and Peter raised seven children together. Peter worked everyday and Macie stayed at home until her youngest child was of school age. At which point, Macie began working at Barlyn Manufacturing in Newark, New Jersey until her retirement. After retirement, she worked at Kiddie Quarters Day Care Facility, solely to share her love with kids. She loved kids and remained there until her health prevented her.

Macie and Peter had seven children whom she loved unconditionally. Her family was always her priority. Macie loved seeing all of her children and grandchildren together. She looked forward to holidays, picnics, or anything that would bring them all together. She had a sharp sense of humor, was very funny and never held back on making everyone laugh. She loved her children dearly and always wanted the best for them. If she knew and loved you, she never let you forget it and you knew you'd always have a friend in her-she was loyal. Everyone she loved knew they had a special place in her heart. As a lover of the Atlantic City Casino, she always had luck - the odds were always in her favor because of her good spirit and kind heart. Whenever she would win, she would most likely share with someone she knew needed it more. She had a great soul and a fabulous spirit.

Macie was a long-time faithful member of Zion Baptist Church, Newark until she became a member of Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Irvington, closer to her new home in her later years. She loved the Lord and lived her life the best way she felt would capture her a place in heaven.

She leaves behind to mourn: her seven children, Patricia Hawks, Phyllis Reese, Charles Sanford, (predeceased) Wanda Cage, Johnathan Sanford, Angelo Sanford and Yvonne Taylor; sons-in-law, (predeceased) Derrick Hawks, Cornell Cage, Johnathan Taylor and Jesse Reese; daughter-in-law, Fatima Sanford; brothers, Prudolph Sherard, Irvington, NJ, Alvin Sherard (Linda), Iron-Station, NC, William Lee, Irvington, NJ, Hayward Sherard (Leola), Ridgedale, GA and Mastin Lee (predeceased); sisters, Mary Dean (Eddie), Irvington, NJ and Edna Smith, Stockbridge, GA; nineteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends.



*Precious*



*Memories*

### ***Fly Away Mama***

*You were always there, even when no one else was  
Your words were loving and always encouraging  
You taught me that I could always stand.  
You guided me through the most difficult times  
You... the one who sometimes needed  
Yet, continued to offer me YOUR hand.*

*Even before I'd come to you  
I knew I would have your support and love  
Cause from the day I was born  
You made it clear you'd be my everlasting dove.  
So fly away Mama... let go of my hand  
I get it, I'm ready, relax cause I still stand.*

*It's because of you, not in spite of  
I watched, admired and learned from you...  
To live, to give, to teach my family  
All in the name of love.*

*So now the Lord has taken you...  
my heart is profoundly broken.  
But, now I must reach behind me to those  
Watching, admiring and learning from me.  
We become a new generation of elders, watch mama...  
You'd be proud to see.*

*So fly away mama  
Knowing that I get it, I'm ready and I still stand.  
It hurts, I cry, and stay awake at night  
But remember it's only because you've ALWAYS held my hand.  
Luv you always...  
Pat, Phyllis, Charles, Johnny, Angelo and Yvonne  
(And we will never forget our beloved sister, Wanda)*

## *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Reading ..... Elder Aston  
*Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church*

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – John 14

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Grant  
*Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church*

Obituary ..... Sandra Rolling

Solo ..... “Going Up Yonder” by Vanessa Davis

Acknowledgments  
and Resolutions ..... Pastor Gerladine Ross

Reflections ..... (Two Minutes Please)

Special Tribute to Our Sister ..... Elder Haywood Sherard

Solo ..... “Stand” by Vanessa Davis

Eulogy ..... Reverend Grant

Parting View

Recessional

### **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

*Family and friends are invited to join the family for  
the repast at Zion Baptist Church  
459-65 Avon Avenue  
Newark, NJ*



## *The Union of Peter and Macie*

*Macie married the love of her life on July 16, 1955.*

*Until her husband's death in June 2009 they remained a committed union that lasted fifty-four years. They created a legacy that produced seven children, nineteen grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, (three additional sons and one daughter through marriage, Derrick, Cornell, Johnathan and Fatima). Their love and dedication to one another has set the foundation for our family for generations to come. Now they will unite in eternity. They will both be truly missed.*

*Rest in Peace .... Mama and Daddy  
Love, Your Children*

### *Acknowledgements*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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