

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Vera Mae McLeish, a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a red top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water with hills in the distance.

Vera Mae McLeish

Sunrise
June 29, 1941

Sunset
February 14, 2012

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

THE NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Joe A. Carter, Pastor

106 Sussex Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Lula A. Baker, Officiating

Obituary

Vera Mae Sims-McLeish departed this life on February 14, 2012, she was predeceased by her parents, Nathaniel Sims and Alberta Mae Johnson and grandchild, Timesha McLeish.

Vera attended Jewett High in Winter Haven, Florida a school she was a cheerleader and band majorettes. She relocated from Florida to New Jersey to further her education, during the early 1960's, where she met and married Ballister McLeish and from this union seven children was born. She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and became a church member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

Vera was employed at General Motors, Inc for over thirty-five years, where she made many friends, upon retiring in 2004. During her retirement, she enjoyed life to the fullest by traveling with her loved ones, bowling and especially going to Atlantic City, NJ.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Ballister A. McLeish of Florida; three daughters, Gail Johnson and Cheryl McLeish both of East Orange, NJ and Chaurice McLeish of Trenton, NJ; four sons, Nyron McLeish (Rosa) of Fort Montgomery, NY, Craig McLeish (Yoshima) of Japan, Ramon McLeish (Karissa) and Sheridan McLeish both of Michigan; fifteen grandchildren; six sisters, Mary Alice Cope (Henry), Leola Potter, Pauline Cooper, Hilda Cooper all of Rochester, NY, Roberta Aldridge of Orlando, Florida and Ida Spates of Newark, NJ; one brother, Asbury Cooper, Jr. of Georgia; one uncle, Marcus Johnson (Fannie) of Newark, NJ; two aunts, Riller Jackson and Julia Mae Wynn both of Florida; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude *Sir Joshua Nelson*

Processional

Hymn of Consolation “*Precious Lord*”

Scripture Readings *Monica McLeish*

Old Testament - Job 14:12-14

New Testament - 1st Corinthians 15:45-58

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Reflections/Acknowledgements *Ericha Sink Field*

Obituary (*Read Silently*)

Selection “*How I Got Over*”

Eulogy *Pastor Marcus Johnson, Sr.*

Recessional

<p><u><i>Interment</i></u></p>

<p><i>Rosedale Cemetery</i></p>

<p><i>Orange, New Jersey</i></p>

*Repast will follow the interment in the
New Hope Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.*

The Measure Of A Woman

Not - how did she die? But - how did she live? Not - what did she gain? But - what did she give? These are the things that measure the worth of a woman as a woman, regardless of birth. Not - what was her station? But - had she a heart? And- how did she play her God- given part? Was she ever ready with a word of good cheer? To bring back a smile, to banish a tear? Not - what was her church? Not - what was her creed? But - had she befriended those really in need? Not - what did the sketch in the newspaper say? But how many were sorry when she passed away? These are the things that measure the worth of a woman as a woman, regardless of birth-

~From the Family, Children, Grandchildren

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all who have extended support, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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