



Home-Going Celebration for
Eva M. Powell

Sunrise
December 3, 1916

Sunset
April 8, 2012

Thursday, April 12, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

231-251 Seymour Avenue • Newark, NJ

Rev. Ralph Branch, Officiating

Obituary

Good mother, wife, sister, friend, counselor, adviser, common sense philosopher, forgiving and non-judgmental. Her favorite saying was, "There is none perfect but the father."

Eva Powell was born on December 3, 1916 in Clinton, North Carolina to Amos and Alice Hobbs. She was the eldest of eight children. Growing up during the Great Depression and working on the family farm, the lessons of hard work and perseverance was the inspiration that drove her to higher education. After graduating from Sampson County Training School, Eva attended Fayetteville Teachers College where she was able to complete three years. She was unable to continue due to financial constraints. She never forgot those experiences and they became the catalyst for her ambition and success.

While attending high school Eva met Lewis Tyson and immediately announced to her mother that he would be her husband. They were married in 1939 and moved to Newark, NJ in the early 1940's to seek a better life. They had four children, Joyce, Lewis Jr., Ronald and Reginald. Jobs were plentiful in Newark during World War II and Eva obtained a position with Western Electric Company. She worked full-time until the birth of her third child when she became a homemaker.

Eva was devoted to her family and very proud of having assisted six of her eight siblings to relocate to Newark; where all found employment and success. Eva pursued a certificate in hair dressing from Scott's Beauty School and operated a salon in her home; catering to family and friends. She had never given up her dream of being a teacher and eventually became a substitute teacher for Newark Public Schools. Due to failing health of her mother and husband she had to retire from the school system to provide health care until they passed away.

Eva loved to read the daily newspaper sitting on the front porch of her home. She was very proud to be a homeowner. She lost her vision at the age of 82 but continued to live alone, assuring her family that she was "in God's hands." During this ten year period she enjoyed weekly visits from her cousin, Pauline who would cook fish and read to her.

Eva accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized in Clinton, North Carolina. She joined Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church after moving to Newark. She made certain her children received a religious education and were baptized in the church. As a member of Mount Calvary, Eva served in the Women's Auxiliary and North Carolina Clubs. She was also active in the Eastern Star and other social and Political groups.

Eva was predeceased by her parents, husband, brother Jessie Hobbs, Sr; sisters Clara Faison and Mary Hargrove and sons, Ronald and Reginald. She is survived by: her son, Lewis T. Powell, Jr.; daughter, Joyce Ashford (Eric); brothers John and Jonah (Euphemia); sisters, Marie Hargrove and Margaret Hobbs; daughter-in-law Beverly Powell; four granddaughters, Keisha, Ercell, Danielle and Brianna; five great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Ms. Betty Cox who cared for Eva the last three years of her life and to cousin Pauline who brought comfort to Eva in her later years.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy & Family

Opening Selection Choir

Scripture Reading Rev. Ralph Branch
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Ralph Branch

Selection Choir

Reflections

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Selection Choir

Eulogy Rev. Ralph Branch

Recessional

<p><u>Interment</u> Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey</p>
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Family and friends are invited for the repast back at the church.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

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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