

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Maeleen Alexander*



**Sunrise**  
*May 4, 1939*

**Sunset**  
*April 9, 2012*

*Saturday, April 14, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

377 Clinton Avenue • Newark, NJ

## Obituary

**Maeleen Alexander nee Lacon** entered this life on May 4th, 1939 to Wilfred Castelon and Sybil Lucille Lacon. Born in New Amsterdam, Guyana, she was the third of seven children. After she graduated from the Roman Catholic girl's school in New Amsterdam she later attended music and secretarial schools.

At the age of twenty-one, Maeleen was given and accepted the task of mentoring and caring for her younger siblings. During the holidays, she would prescribe senna and bitter aloe for a good cleaning out. With a clean and empty stomach, they were free to eat and drink as they chose. This was just one of the many examples of how Maeleen mentored and cared for those she loved.

At an early age, Maeleen developed a great passion for baking and made a name for herself with her delicious wedding cakes and homemade breads. Some of you could still recall making weekly visits to get freshly baked breads and cakes from her kitchen.

Maeleen met and fell in love with Norman, her husband of forty-three years. They were blessed with six beautiful children Leslyn, Nelson, Derris, Dermot, Desford and Dacia.

Norman acknowledges that Maeleen had the toughest yet awesome responsibility as the homemaker yet she made it appear seamless. She was a decorator, hairdresser, and seamstress. In addition, she took the role of doctor and adviser as a mother. Maeleen believed in God and as her faith matured so did her hope in what was possible and what could be different. She set the standard upon which her children were to approach their lives and bear witness to the testament that, "... in God all things are possible."

On April 9th, 2012 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loved ones, Maeleen went to rest with the Lord after a long battle with illness.

Maeleen leaves to cherish her memory: Husband: Norman Hilton; Children: Derris, Dermot, Desford, Dacia, Nelson and Leslyn; Grandchildren: Kevin, Sabrina, Monique, Quintin, Sydnie, Damian, Danielle and Jay-den; Brothers: John and Wilfred; Sisters: Pansy, Gloria, Agnes and Elizabeth; Brothers-in-Law: Ruel; Sisters-in-Law: Gloria, Veronica, Claudette and Clarice; Daughters-in-Law: Joanne and Sharon; Nieces: Monica, Shurliana, Audrey, Thorrie, Cornell, Arna and others Nephews: Ray, Arlington, Holden, Alcide, Paul, Chad, Vincent and others.

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."*

II Timothy 4:7

# *Order of Service*

Call to Worship .....Pastor Hodari Williams  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Hodari Williams  
Hymn ..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
Scripture Readings ..... Psalm 23 / II Timothy 4:6-8  
Selection ..... Mrs. King  
Reflections ..... Family  
Selection ..... Ms. Monica Johnson  
Reading of the Obituary ..... Ms. Beverly Madar  
Poem ..... Mrs. Joanne Alexander  
Selection ..... Ms. Clinteyah Brooks ..... Closing of the Casket  
Eulogy ..... Pastor Hodari Williams  
Closing Hymn ..... “When We All Get To Heaven”

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited  
for a repast at Park Avenue St. John’s United Methodist Church  
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When tomorrow starts without me  
and I'm not here to see...  
If the sun should rise and find your  
eyes filled with tears for me,  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
the way you did today...  
While thinking of the many things  
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you...  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me, too.

But when tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand...  
That Jesus came and called my name  
and took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready  
in heaven far above...  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
all those I dearly love.

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart...  
For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.  
- David Romano

### *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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