

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life of*



*Louise May Briggs*

*Sunrise*

December 16, 1924

*“Grammy”*

*Sunset*

June 14, 2012

Service

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

**Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church**

24 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Linden, New Jersey 07036

*Rev. Ronald A. Green, Sr., Pastor*

# *Obituary*

**Louise May (Boykin) Briggs** was born the third child to the late Deacon and Deaconess Edward and Lillian Boykin on December 16, 1924 Scotch Plains, New Jersey. She was called from labor to reward on Thursday morning June 14, 2012.

Louise attended and graduated from the Scotch Plains Public School System. She began her Christian walk at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

She married the late Frank Lee Briggs, Sr., on March 16, 1944 and from this union six children were born (youngest child predeceased as an infant). A few years after marrying, Louise became a member of the Second Baptist Church, Roselle, New Jersey where she served on the Mother's Club, the Usher and Floral Ministries and as a Sunday School Teacher for many years. She was a member of the Eastern Star, Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 26 O.E.S., P.H.A., P.M. 1972-1973 and a host of other Prince Hall affiliated concordant bodies for many years.

Louise was employed with Glasseal Products in Linden, New Jersey as an Assembler and Group Team Leader. After five years of commuting to Lakewood, New Jersey where the company relocated, she retired at the age of sixty-four in 1988. Thereafter, Louise worked part-time as a Lunch School Aide and Recess Coordinator for the Westfield Public School system for the next ten years. A forty-four year resident of Roselle, New Jersey, Louise moved to Piscataway, New Jersey in 2002. After retiring from the Westfield Board of Education, she began volunteering with the Piscataway Senior Reading Buddies Program. A program designed to draw on the reading talents from the senior citizens community in helping immigrant elementary children "catch up" to their reading grade level during the school year. Louise enjoyed participating in the program for several years, assisting her students with publishing (through the program) their own self-styled storybooks at the end of each school year term.

Louise was a member of the Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church family for the past seven years, and although a quiet member, she greatly enjoyed every service and program she was able to attend.

Louise had an energetic smile with a gentle selfless spirit that surrounded her husband of fifty-seven years, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She leaves her family the lasting evidence of faith in Jesus Christ, unbridled determination to do what is true and a legacy of unimaginable hope in the future. "Grammy" so named by her grandchildren, was so light-hearted of spirit, a welcoming consummate hostess to all who entered her home will always be remembered for her holiday dinners, unrivaled by "five-star" restaurants, every holiday - every year.

Louise departed this life from the Roosevelt Care Center in Edison, New Jersey. She is so dearly missed. Louise was predeceased by her husband, Frank Lee Briggs, Sr.; one brother, Benjamin Boykin; six sisters, Almeta Hurtt, Edith Nettingham, Marion Steward, Marie Nettingham, Priscilla Bullock, and Edwina Davis. She leaves to celebrate her life: one son, Frank Lee Briggs, Jr. (Norvell) of Orlando, Florida; four daughters, Lillian Gale Briggs of East Windsor, New Jersey, Barbara Ann LeGrand (Phito) of Somerset, New Jersey, Marlene Louise Jenkins (Earl) of Catonsville, Maryland, and Edith Lynn Billups (Joseph) of Piscataway, New Jersey; twelve grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren – the youngest born on the evening of her passing; four sisters-in-law, Lena Boykin of Salem, New Jersey, Marian Williams and Barbara Turner both of Roselle, New Jersey, and Margaret Briggs of Linden, New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends too numerous to count.

Sorrowfully submitted,  
The Family

# *Order of Service*

*Rev. Ronald A. Green, Sr., Pastor*

**Organ Prelude**

**Processional**

**A Parting View**

**Scriptures**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Hymn** .....“It is Well with My Soul”

**Acknowledgement of Condolences**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**..... Rev. Ronald A. Green, Sr.

**Recessional**

## *Interment*

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, New Jersey

## *Repast*

Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited to return to the church for the repast.

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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*“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”*

## Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Louise M. Briggs**

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s House are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”*

*~John 14:1 – 4*



*Frank & Louise*  
*“Together Again”*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Louise M. Briggs** would like to acknowledge with deepest appreciation every prayer, thought of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during this time of bereavement. The Lord bless and keep you always.

