

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
Celebrating the Life of



Mary Royal (Currin) Peoples

Sunrise
December 8, 1912

Sunset
July 13, 2012

**Eldest Member of
CHURCH OF THE MASTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA**

Friday, July 20, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

Rendall Memorial Presbyterian Church, USA

59 West 137th Street
New York, New York 10037
The Reverend James A. Belle, Officiating

Reflections of Life

(Silent Reading)

Mary Royal (Currin) Peeples was born December 8, 1912 to Thomas R. Currin and Rosa Wilkerson Currin, an only girl, along with three brothers: Edward T., Robert I., and Rev. Charles C. Currin-all deceased. At age twelve she was baptized at The First Baptist Church Oxford, N.C. where she sang in the Junior choir and taught Sunday School.

She graduated from Mary Potter Memorial High School in 1932. In 1934, she was a student at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. She came to New York City in 1936, and was married to William H. Peeples-now deceased, in 1937. This union was blessed with three children: William, Gwendolyn and Douglas.

Mary Royal joined the Church of the Master in the 1940's with the encouragement of Rev. James Robinson and Rev. Richard Stenhouse. She became "Teacher of the Year," later becoming Superintendent of the Junior Department. In 1964 Mary Royal was ordained a deacon by Rev. Eugene Callender and served more than three terms. She also served in the Women's Presbytery as circle leader of zone 2c.

For twenty-five years she was employed at the Saks Fifth Avenue Department Store.

urn a loving daughter Fatima, nine devoted grandchildren: Jackie, Derek, Jennifer, Brian, Subhana, Rabia, Munir, Atiya and Tahir; Earl, a dedicated brother-in-law, as well as a number of nephews and nieces. Her life was shared with a host of caring friends and neighbors, some of which "adopted" her as a mother figure because of the love and warmth she generated. Her strength resided in her firm belief in God which she shared with all who knew her. We will still miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Organ PreludeMrs. Every Chandler-Gibson
Director of Music, COTM

Procession and Scripture Sentences

Prayer..... Rev. James A. Belle, Pastor

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 103..... Deacon Marshall Cole

New Testament - John 14:1-6Mrs. Jacquelyn Casaleggjo

Solo "How Great Thy Art" - Rev. James A. Belle, *Tenor*

Acknowledgments and Tributes..... Ann Currin Adams
Elder Rory Scott – COTM Caregiver
Deacons Presbyterian Women
Elder Yvonne White
(concluding with COTM Resolution)

AnthemChancel Choir Church of The Master

EulogyRev. Dr. Eugene Callender

Hymn “Near to the Heart of God”

Affirmation of FaithApostles’ Creed (Traditional Version)

I BELIEVE IN God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to Judge both the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic+ Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CommendationRev. Belle

Recession of Family & Clergy

+ Catholic refers to “universal” as Christ died for the entire world.



"Safely Home"

I am home, dear ones
Oh, so happy and so bright
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever.
Safely home in Heaven at last.



Acknowledgement

*We the family of the late **Mary Royal Peoples**
wish to acknowledge the many expressions of
sympathy and love from the church and friends.*

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