

Success

“To laugh often and much: to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children: to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends: to appreciate beauty: to find the best in others: to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition: to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

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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In Loving Memory
of



Bessie M. Jackson

Sunrise
July 25, 1925

Sunset
November 16, 2012

Service

Saturday, November 24, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

1st Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church

253 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Lillie Minnigan, Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary
Tajah Seldon

Selection

Eulogy
Rev. Dr. Lillie Minnigan

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free!*

-author unknown

I'M FREE

Precious



Memories

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.



Bessie Mae Jackson, daughter of the late Edward and Louise Minnigan was born on July 25, 1925 in Calhoun County, South Carolina.

Bessie was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 16, 2012 at the Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ following a brief illness at the age of 87.

Bessie was educated in the public schools of Orangeburg in Orangeburg, SC.

Bessie relocated to Newark, New Jersey where she worked as a Domestic Care Giver to Dr. Kim in South Orange, NJ for over 20 years until his retirement. She then became a Home Health Aide with the Metropolitan Home Care in West Orange, NJ for 20 years until her death.

Bessie was a member of the First Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church

where she worked diligently as the President of the Usher Board for over 30 years. She was also a member of the Senior Choir but her passion was greeting the people as they entered through the doors.

Bessie leaves to cherish her memories Brother - Ivory (Lillie) Minnigan, Sisters - Annette Rein, Averne McNeill all of Newark, NJ, God-Children - Warren Minnigan - SC, and George Daniels - NJ, A Special Friend - Norman Walker, Special Niece - Helen Staton, Karen Daniels, Special Nephew - Albert Minnigan, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends.

Bessie was predeceased in death by her husband - Charles Jackson parents, Sister - Minnie Lee Dwight, Brothers - Edward, Frank Minnigan and James Minnigan, Son - Thomas Minnigan.