

Celebration of Life for



Mary Lee Henderson

Sunrise
August 11, 1932

Sunset
November 27, 2012

Service

Thursday, December 6, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.

CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

36-38 Hopper Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner, Pastor

Reflections of Life

" I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"
2 Timothy 4:7

Mary Lee Henderson was born with an identical twin sister on August 11, 1932 in Florida to the late Caleb and Viola Landrum.

She received her education in the Florida School system. She relocated to Paterson where she remained until her transition. She was blessed to give birth to one son. She was employed at Marcal for several years as well as working for North Jersey Training School for over fifteen years. Her final employment was with the City of Paterson as a meter maid until her retirement.

She enjoyed listening to music and watching the late Bishop GE Patterson. She was a woman of independence and confidence she had a beautiful heart. One of her proudest moments was the day her great granddaughter, Tiazuhmira was born which was on her birthday.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Caleb and Viola Landrum, her brothers, Willie Marshall, Eddie Lee, Alphonso, Henry and Wiley Williams and Buddy Landrum, her sisters, Annie Bell, Lucille and Ola Mae.

In his infinite wisdom, God saw her weariness and called her from labor to reward on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

Mary's memory will be cherished by: her son, Melvin (Monk) Johnson; her identical twin sister, Martha Mckenzie, sister, Stella and Paul Ellis; her brother, Tommy Lee and Maple Williams; sister-in-law, Lorraine Williams; grandchildren, Taffalyn Sharris Drakeford, Akeria Goddard, Achia Swinney (Leon), Troy Stanton, Andre Moses, Tyrone Johnson and Melvin Moses; great grandchildren, Tiazuhmira Drakeford, Tianna and Thomas Taliaferro, Ayanna Goddard, Olivia Artis, Mariyah Artis, Alazjah and Tyshanna Jenkins, Lazair and Zyon Swinney, Algeria and Maya Moses; several nieces and nephews; devoted niece, Helen Gail Pough; devoted great niece, Mignon Tain; several great nieces and nephews; goddaughter, Charlene (Henry) Redmond; and a host of other friends and family.

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Congregational Hymn "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"

Invocation Bishop Johnny Drakeford, Jr.

Word of God Proclaimed

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Evangelist Betty Frazier

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-6 Dr. Steven Surratt

Selection Choir

Reading of the Obituary Mable Williams (sister-in-law)

Family Expressions

Selection Choir

Poem The Day You Left
Evang. Taffalyn Drakeford (granddaughter)

Solo Evang. Taffalyn Drakeford

Word of Life Proclaimed Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner

Final Viewing

Recessional Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Turner, Family

Interment

Friday, December 7th, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Cemetery
Garfield, New Jersey

The Day You Left

This day will never be the same I lost a piece of my heart when you slipped away. Even with tears streaming down I know God makes no mistakes he has healed you from all of your suffering. A part of me wants to ask God why but I know he takes the best and that's no lie. You gave me love from the day that I was born and proved it more and more even as I grew and became grown. I gave birth to my first born on your special day so I know a piece of you will forever remain. God saw you needed rest and called your name you answered yes and that was the day you left. It hurts to say goodbye this I can't lie but knowing you are at peace will help me through this. I loved you but God loved you best so I now release you and say grandma you can now take your rest.

With all my love Sharris

Acknowledgement

The Henderson family wishes to express their gratitude for each expression of sympathy shown towards them - your cards, visits, and especially your prayers; each will be individually acknowledged in the near future.

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