



November 5, 1922 - December 11, 2012

Service Tuesday, December 18, 2012 - 11:00 A.M.

## St. James A.M.E. Church

588 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Newark, New Jersey **REV. RONALD L. SLAUGHTER, Pastor** 

"Somewhere in time we will meet again in Paradise"

## A LIFE HISTORY

**ISABEL VIRGINIA ASHBY** was born on November 5, 1922 in Trenton, New Jersey to Isabel Chew Turner and John Turner. She was known by her family and close friends as "Peggy". Isabel received her early education in the Trenton area and graduated from Trenton High School. After graduation, she worked at General Motors.

On January 1, 1947 Isabel married Harold James Ashby. After marrying, the couple moved to Newark, New Jersey. From this union a son, Harold Jr., was born. Isabel was briefly employed by the City of Newark, Hall of Records and by IPC.

Isabel had a long career in public service and community work. She was the District Leader for the 27th South Ward, President of the Peshine Avenue P.T.A., a member of the New Jersey State P.T.A. and a board member of the New Jersey Visiting Nurses Association. She was also a member of the Custer Avenue Block Association, the Newark Branch of the NAACP, the Harrison Park Association and several Democratic organizations in Newark.

For over 60 years, Isabel was a member of St. James A.M.E. Church. During those years she was an active and committed member of the Stewardess Board A (Vice President Emeritus), the Precious Gems, and the church credit union where she also volunteered her services every Friday for over 20 years. She was also involved in the church's Cub Scout Pack #55 as a Den Mother.

Isabel Virginia Ashby died peacefully after a brief illness on December 11, 2012.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Harold J. Ashby, and is survived by her son, Harold Jr.; two grandsons, (the joy of her life) Max Albert and Benjamin Makoto; godson, Richard Gaines and secret pal, Ivy Davis. She is the devoted sister of John R. Turner and Lt. Col. (ret.) Herbert M. Turner and the sister-inlaw of Edna, Elizabeth, Dr. Joanne and Wilhelmina Turner. She is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Memorial Service</u>

Rev. Ronald L. Slaughter, Officiating

| ORGAN PRELUDEOrganist  |
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| PROCESSIONALClergy   |
| OPENING HYMN"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" - Celebrants  |
| PRAYER OF COMFORTClergy  |
| SCRIPTURE READINGSMax Albert, grandson<br>Old Testament: Psalm 23: 1-6<br>New Testament: John 14: 2  |
| SOLO   |
| A LIFE HISTORYRichard J. Gaines  |
| ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONSSister Dollie Sherrod  |
| TRIBUTESA Church Family: Mrs. Daphne Gaters<br>Mrs. Eugenia Wilcox<br>Family Friends: Ms. Ivy Davis and<br>Ms. Sandra L. West<br>Mr. Daniel A. Bradman Jr. |
| SOLO   |
| EULOGY Rev. Marcia Sapp  |
| RECESSIONAL "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" - Clergy and Family  |

## Relatives and friends are invited to the church dining area immediately following the memorial service.

The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt.

-Frederick Buechner



Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Others stay awhile, make footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.

-Unknown



I wish to express my deep and sincere gratitude to all of the many friends whose kind assistance and helpful expressions reminded me of their deep regard for my Mother.

Harold J. Ashby Jr.



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their time of sorrow.

> Professional Services by: Whigham Funeral Home

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