

Celebrating the Life of
ROSIE MAE “ROSE” STRADFORD

Sunrise

January 26, 1939

Sunset

February 14, 2013



*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.”*

~ 2 Timothy 4:7

Service

Thursday, February 21, 2013 ~ 11:00 am

Aenon Baptist Church

1500 Brown Avenue

Union, New Jersey 07088

Rev. Alfonzo Williams, Sr., Pastor

Remembering Rosie

Rosie Mae Stradford, was born on January 26, 1939 in Balty, Virginia, daughter of the late John Woolfolk and Ruth Wright. She grew up in Caroline County, Virginia, and attended St. John's Elementary School and graduated from Union High School both in Virginia.

Rose, as she was called by her family and friends, had a loving and caring relationship with all of her siblings but she had a special bond with her baby sister Myrtle. On many occasions, she and Myrtle would visit their mother in New Jersey. In April 1977, Rose moved to New Jersey to take care of her mother. New Jersey became her home.

She was a devoted mother who worked hard to provide a loving and caring home for her children and grandchildren. As a single mother she was a living testimony of her favorite saying, "The Lord will make a way."

On April 12, 1997, Rose started a new chapter in her life with Hardin Stradford, Sr. this union was blessed with two families that became one. Hardin and Rose enjoyed spending time with family and traveling. They always looked forward to spending their anniversaries in Atlantic City and traveling "down south."

She was an excellent and talented cook that led her to various places of employment such as The Summit Diner, Overlook Hospital, Union High School and Union Township Community Action Organization (UTCAO). Rose knew she had a gift from God and she used her gift to show God's love by cooking for the sick and shut-in and to all who would visit her home.

A dedicated member of Aeon Baptist Church for many years, Rose served as a Deaconess, Usher, member of the Missionary Ministry and Kitchen Committee.

Rosie Mae Stradford was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 14, 2013.

She was predeceased by her brothers: John, Charles, James, and Edward Wright; and her children: Kevin, James and Corey Stradford.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Deacon Hardin Stradford, Sr.; her children: Howard and Delois (Clarence) of Virginia, Mary (Carlton), Dannie (Michelle), Pamela (Richard), Hardin, Jr., (Melinda), Spring (Lavern) and George, of New Jersey; her siblings: Thelma Turner (Alvin) of Virginia, Myrtle Jackson of Florida, Johnny (Peggy) Wright and Vernon Wright of New Jersey; 20 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family



Order Of Service

Rev. Alfonzo Williams, Sr., Pastor
Floyd Gray, Organist

Processional

With Scripture Sentences

Parting View

Family

Hymn of Comfort

“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hands”

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Prayer of Consolation

Rev. Duane Fields, Sr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: St. John 14:1-7

Solo

Spring Lee

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Jackie Carter

Solo

Mary Crawford

Eulogy

Rev. Alfonzo Williams, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth, New Jersey

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*Family and Friends are invited to Return to the Church
for a Repast with the Family.*

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pall Bearers

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| Andre Bowers | Jerome Lewis |
| Gary Mobley | John Boyd |
| Todnic Stradford | Teddy Simson |

*Those we love must sometimes pass
Beyond our present sight;
Must leave us and must leave our world
Without their radiant light.
But, we can say that like the candle
They are just away.
That another room is brightened
By their warm and lovely ray.
And heaven's candelabra
Where they shine divinely bright
Each candle burns forevermore
In God's eternal light.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of late **Rosie Mae Stradford** extends our deepest gratitude to all of our friends who showed many acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. Your visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, gifts of substance and most of all prayers, have lightened the burden of sorrow. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you forever in his care. We love and appreciate each of you.*

