

*Celebrating  
the Life  
of*



*Vera Lee Hawkins*

*Sunrise  
July 5, 1920*

*Sunset  
May 20, 2013*

*Services*

*Friday, May 24, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.*

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*11 Ashland Avenue*

*East Orange, New Jersey*

*Rev. Michael J. Jordan, Officiating*

*Gregory Jones, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Vera Lee Hawkins (nee Wilkerson)** was born in Richmond, VA on July 5, 1920 to Floyd and Gertrude Wilkerson who, are predeceased along with her loving sisters, Bernice and Laverne.

After attending Virginia Union University, Vera moved to East Orange where she married and started a family.

She continued her education by attending nursing school and graduating as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1965. She was employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse at University Hospital in Newark for over twenty years until retiring in 1993.

She was very active at Mt. Olive Baptist Church where she attended for over fifty years and served on the usher board and as president of the usher board.

She joined our Lord on May 20, 2013.

She is survived by her loving and caring husband, Julius; son, Julius Bernard and wife Lorraine; sister, Shirley Henry; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Vera will always be remembered for her dedication to the nursing profession, her loving, caring ways and devotion to Mt. Olive Baptist Church and her involvement with youth groups. She will be sadly missed.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude ..... Gregory Jones

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Corinthian 15:51-58

Solo

Remarks (two Minutes please) ..... Family and Friends

Acknowledgement and Resolutions

Obituary

Solo..... Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Michael J. Jordan

Recessional..... Clergy and Family

<p><b><u>Interment</u></b></p>
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<p>Rosedale Cemetery Orange, New Jersey</p>
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## ***Repast***

*Following the interment family and friends are invited  
for a repast in the church fellowship hall.*

## *I'm Free*

*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*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Vera Lee Hawkins** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended.

Thank you and may God richly bless you

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