

Homegoing Celebration for



Bertha Sue Pennie Flaz

Sunrise
March 5, 1956

Sunset
July 14, 2013

Service

Friday, July 26, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

145 Myrtle Avenue
Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Marti Robinson, Officiating
Jared Gold, Organist

Reflections of Life

Bertha Sue Pennie Flaz was born on March 5, 1956 in Newberry, SC to Lonnie Pennie and the late Jacob Pennie, Jr. Bertha passed away in the privacy of her own home on Sunday, July 14, 2013. She attended the public schools of Passaic, NJ graduating from Passaic High School in 1974.

At an early age, Bertha joined Bethel A.M.E. Church in Passaic, NJ where she was a faithful student of the Sunday school. As a member of the Young Adult Choir, Bertha was always a blessing to the congregation with her melodious, beautiful voice. Bertha sang with much passion and professionalism as she always admired the voice of the song artist, Phyllis Hyman.

For thirty-seven years, Bertha was a dedicated employee of PNC Bank in Clifton and Newark, NJ. She held various positions within the organization and was later promoted to a managerial role. Bertha had received numerous awards for her hard work and dedication. She also enjoyed traveling with her sister to the Caribbean Islands.

Bertha was preceded in death by her loving father, Jacob Pennie, Jr., and brother, Reginald Pennie.

She leaves to cherish, sweet memories of: her loving two daughters, Jennifer Hill and Zuri Flaz; her mother, Lonnie Pennie; her sister, Phyllis Lopez; four nephews, Damione, Kyle, Sean and Dominick; and great nephews, Reginald, Hazier, and Mark; one niece, Elise; Joyce Brown, a cherished friend of twenty years; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

There are many things in life that we cannot understand.
But we must trust God's judgement and be guided by His hand.
And all who have God's blessing can rest safely in His care.
For He promises "safe passage" on the "wings of faith and prayer."
-Anonymous

Order of Service

Rev. Earlie J. Gresham, Jr., Officiant

Processional

The Prelude

Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

The Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Marti Robinson
Bethel AME Church

The Written Word.....Alexander Davis (Bertha's uncle)

Old Testament:**Psalm 90: 1-4, 9, 10, and 12**

New Testament:**John 14: 1-7**

SoloReggie Pittman

The Acknowledgements/ResolutionsRobin Payne

Reflections.....Family, Friend and Church/Clergy

Ministry of Music..... Selection

The ObituaryJoyce Brown

Solo.....Rev. Earlie J. Gresham, Jr.

The Message of Hope.....Pastor Marti Robinson
Bethel AME Church

The Recessional "Soon and Very Soon"

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

My Beautiful Mother

*Sweet as a flower
Never asks for anything
Always giving
Always smiling
Never frowning
Caring as a teacher
Never too busy to give advice
Always helping
Never neglecting
Understanding as a counselor
Never gives up
Always does her best
Always shining
Never quitting*

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Bertha Sue Pennie Flaz** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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