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

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving Memory Of



August 1, 2013

August 21, 1947



<u>Service</u> Friday, August 9, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

152 Osborne Terrace Newark, New Jersey 07111

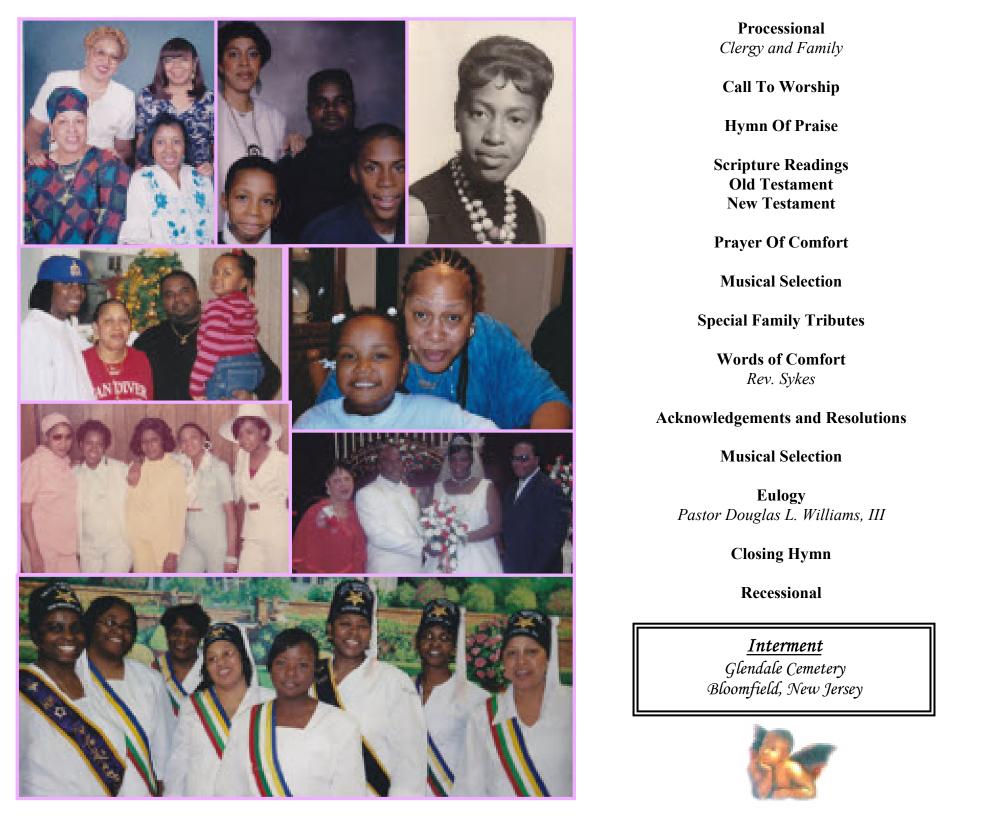
Rev. Douglas William III, Officiating



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Helen Daris Van Diver, born August 21, 1947 in Anderson, SC to Reponzia Belton Van Diver and Claude Van Diver.

At an early age she was baptized at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, in Starr SC when she was eleven years old. Her family moved to Newark, NJ there she attended and graduated from Central High School.

Helen worked many years at Household Finance in Newark. During these years came the birth of her oldest son Lawrence. Shortly after she married and from this union she gave birth to two more sons Timothy and Douglas.

Her longest employment was Credit Doctor in Newark, where she was a collections manger from 1985 to 2007. Her last employment was at Integrity House in Newark, NJ where she worked for six years.

She graduated from Skill Path Community Outreach, class of 2010. She was a member of the International Eastern Star Lady Martha #2. She joined United Missionary Baptist Church in the early 1980s. She was a church clerk many years. She sang in several choirs. Her favorite song was "Stood On The Banks Of Jordan".

She recently joined Zion Hill Baptist Church, Which was her father's church for forty years.

She departed this earth on August 1, 2013.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Reponzia Belton VanDiver, her father, Claude VanDiver and two brothers, Claude Thomas VanDiver and Bobby Eugene Freeman.

She is survived by: sons, Lawrence VanDiver (Sharon) Timothy Small (Frankie) and Douglas Small; four grandchildren, Skyler, Darius, Timea and Ayana; three sisters, Lucille VanDiver Hudson, Margaret VanDiver, and Ida Bailey; she leaves a special niece, Christy VanDiver. She also leaves five uncles, five aunts and a host of nieces and nephews.



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