

*In Loving Memory
of*



Susanne Lindsay

June 20, 1929 – August 9, 2013

Sunday, August 18, 2013 - 5:00 p.m.

Grace Bible Class Church

54 Pine Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Bernard Durham, Pastor

Rev. Mark Wright, Officiating

The Creation



And God stepped out on space, And he looked around and said: I'm lonely— I'll make me a world. And far as the eye of God could see Darkness covered everything, Blacker than a hundred midnights Down in a cypress swamp. Then God smiled, And the light broke, And the darkness rolled up on one side, And the light stood shining on the other, And God said: That's good! Then God reached out and took the light in his hands, And God rolled the light around in his hands Until he made the sun; And he set that sun a-blazing in the heavens. And the light that was left from making the sun God gathered it up in a shining ball And flung it against the darkness, Spangling the night with the moon and stars. Then down between The darkness and the light He hurled the world; And God said: That's good! Then God himself stepped down— And the sun was on his right hand, And the moon was on his left; The stars were clustered about his head, And the earth was under his feet. And God walked, and where he trod His footsteps hollowed the valleys out And bulged the mountains up. Then he stopped and looked and saw That the earth was hot and barren. So God stepped over to the edge of the world And he spat out the seven seas— He batted his eyes, and the lightnings flashed— He clapped his hands, and the thunders rolled— And the waters above the earth came down, The cooling waters came down. Then the green grass sprouted, And the little red flowers blossomed, The pine tree pointed his finger to the sky, And the oak spread out his arms, The lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the ground, And the rivers ran down to the sea; And God smiled again, And the rainbow appeared, And curled itself around his shoulder. Then God raised his arm and he waved his hand Over the sea and over the land, And he said: Bring forth! Bring forth! And quicker than God could drop his hand, Fishes and fowls And beasts and birds Swam the rivers and the seas, Roamed the forests and the woods, And split the air with their wings. And God said: That's good! Then God walked around, And God looked around On all that he had made. He looked at his sun, And he looked at his moon, And he looked at his little stars; He looked on his world With all its living things, And God said: I'm lonely still. Then God sat down— On the side of a hill where he could think; By a deep, wide river he sat down; With his head in his hands, God thought and thought, Till he thought: I'll make me a man! Up from the bed of the river God scooped the clay; And by the bank of the river He kneeled him down; And there the great God Almighty Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky, Who flung the stars to the most far corner of the night, Who rounded the earth in the middle of his hand; This great God, Like a mammy bending over her baby, Kneeled down in the dust Toiling over a lump of clay Till he shaped it in his own image; Then into it he blew the breath of life, And man became a living soul. Amen.Amen.

James Weldon Johnson

Reflections of Life



A lifelong resident and an active citizen of her beloved Passaic, New Jersey, **Susanne (Harris) Lindsay** entered into eternal Heavenly rest on August 9, 2013

Affectionately known as “Anne,” Susanne (Harris) Lindsay was a loving wife, a proud mother, an adoring sister, and a devoted daughter. The middle child of the late Addie Lee Harris and

Christine Elizabeth (Stallings) Harris, Anne was born in Passaic, New Jersey on June 20, 1929. She grew up and attended school, and went to church in Passaic. She also was married in Passaic. Anne and Berkley D. Lindsay, of Oxford, North Carolina, were joined in matrimony on June 18, 1950. This union produced the pride and joy of their lives: two sons, Bruce Steven and Clark Keith, and three grandchildren, Kiona, Kyle, and Drew. Berkley and Anne also had two other precious gems in their lives. They raised Raymond Drew Harris and Marcia Anne Lindsay Brothers

Anne was predeceased by her husband, Pastor Berkley D. Lindsay; her sons, Clark Keith Lindsay and Raymond Drew Harris; and by her brother, Bruce Harris.

Anne’s professional career began in the early 1950’s at Barbizon where she was employed as a seamstress. She left Barbizon when she received a position with Western Electric, which later became AT&T, then Lucent Technologies. After twenty-five years of gainful employment with the company, she retired, but Anne never retired from the work of her stewardship.

Before becoming one of the Founders of Grace Bible Class, Inc, Passaic, Anne had been a member of Union Baptist Church in Passaic. She attended Sunday School, sang in the Children’s Choir, and was known for her distinguished oratory—an outgrowth of her love for writing and the spoken word. Till this day, Anne Lindsay is still known for her masterful and commanding recitation of “The Creation,” by James Weldon Johnson.

Her voice resonated with us all. As a member of the Grace Bible Class Choir and the Queens of Harmony, her smooth alto hit its mark! As the first lady of the church, she initiated and organized The Willing Workers. And during her husband's tenure as Pastor of Grace Bible Class, Anne served as President of the Ministers' Wives Alliance in Passaic and Vicinity. Whether teaching, singing, or reciting, she fulfilled her stewardship and rejoiced always in the Lord.

An illness with polio as a child restricted Anne's physical activities but furthered her Bible studies. She spent concerted time reading and studying the Bible, and learning scriptures. Her sister, Yvonne, explained that this experience helped to prepare Anne for Bible classes that she would later attend and teach in Passaic and the surrounding area. Anne also mentored ministers in rightly dividing the Word of God., and was widely respected for wholeheartedly embracing II Timothy 2:15, even though Ephesians 2:8 and 9 were her favorite Bible verses

Anne was also very civic-minded and contributed significantly to her community through The Concerned Neighborhood Committee. As the organization's President and Program Coordinator, she worked with five other Passaic-ites to document black history and its importance to the town's growth and development. However, the Committee's chief goal was achieved with the 1974 celebration of James H. Penn, respectfully known as the Father of Passaic.

Anne Harris Lindsay's memory will be forever cherished by her adoring son, Bruce Steven (Janis) Lindsay; her devoted daughter, Marcia Ann Lindsay (Johnnie) Brothers; cherished daughter-in-law, Keisha Solomon; doting sister, Yvonne Harris Fauntleroy; loving grandchildren, Kiona, Kyle, and Drew Lindsay, and Michelle and Yasdnil Brothers; beloved Godchildren, Esther Wheeler, Mechelle Turner, Cheryl Durham Weaver; special niece, Zina Hardee; cherished sisters-in-law, Dossie Lindsay, Mary Lindsay, and Bertha Hardee, all three reside in North Carolina; devoted friends, Irene Wheeler, Ida McClary, Aldelphia "Duffie" Lucas, and Alice Banks; a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins; devoted church family; loving friends, and neighbors.

Order of Service

Processional

Congregational Hymn “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 18:1-3 Deacon Randy Jackson

New Testament - Ephesians 2:8-10 Deacon Vernon Nealy

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Craig Washington

Words of Comfort

Selection “I’m Still Holding On”
Grace Bible Class Church Choir

Selection “Testimony”
Grace Bible Class Church Choir

Reflections (Family)
Kiona Lindsay
Drew Lindsay
Kyle Lindsay

Reflections of Life Leuvenia Boyd

Acknowledgments Alberta Susan Wells

Selection “So You Would Know”
Pamela White

Selection “Give Of Yourself”

Eulogy Pastor Mark Wright

Recessional

Interment
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey



I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- 2 Timothy 4: 7,8 -

Acknowledgement

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