

Celebrating the Life of



Deaconess

Gloria (White) Stephenson

September 25, 1925 - September 13, 2013

Service

Saturday, October 5, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

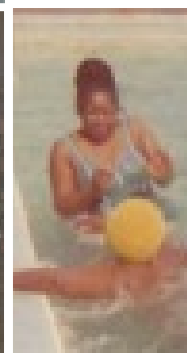
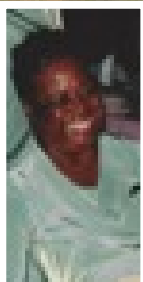
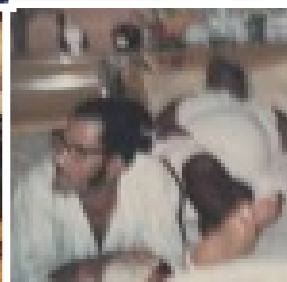
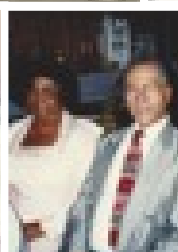
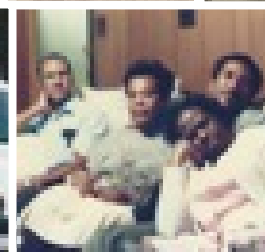
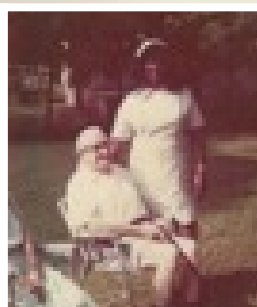
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Paterson, New Jersey

Bishop Llewelyn Mitchell, Pastor

Elder Michael McDonald, Assistant Pastor



Reflections of Life

Gloria Stephenson was born in Cuba on September 25, 1925 to Daniel Cooke and Maude White. Her family migrated to St. Elizabeth, Jamaica when she was four years of age.

Gloria attended and graduated from Brose River All Ages School. After graduating she moved to Spanish Town where she worked as a seamstress specializing in Lingerie. Gloria later met and married Karl Stephenson.

Gloria came to the United States in 1972 to pursue a better life. Gloria worked and secured a place for her family who joined her later.

Gloria was a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and was dedicated to spreading the true word of God. She served as a deaconess at the True Witness Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in Paterson, New Jersey. She was known for always having her bible ready and at hand. She loved reading and quoting various biblical scriptures. She always had a magnetic smile, contagious laugh, and enjoyed the company of visitors. She liked to entertain and always had a kind word for everyone and was very giving. She loved to decorate and loved to see everything in her words, "bright and pretty". Hence, her favorite color was red.

After coming to the United States, Gloria lived in Paterson, New Jersey. After, the death of

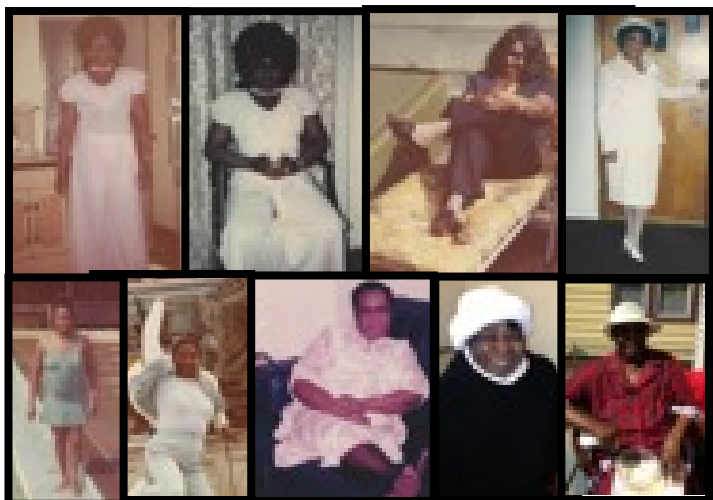
her husband, Gloria lived with her son, Anthony and within, close proximity to many family and friends. She battled a number of illnesses however she demonstrated strong will and faith in God.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Karl and her brother, Clinton.

She fought a good fight until the Lord called her home on Friday, September 13, 2013.

Gloria leaves to mourn: her daughters, Patsy Hines, Lilieth Townsend, Miranda Atkinson, Doreen Atkinson, Glovis Atkinson, Atlas Atkinson and Lorna Atkinson; sons, Percival Atkinson, Anthony Stephenson and Alphonso Stephenson; twenty-five grandchildren; thirty-five great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren. Gloria affectionately referred to as "Miss G" and "Diva", had an extensive close-knit family, as well as many loving friends.

She will be greatly missed.



Order of Service

Processional of Family

Opening Hymn “When Peace Like A River”

Opening Prayer Elder McDonald

*First Lesson - Psalm 90:1-7 .. Chandelle Campbell
(Great Granddaughter)*

Choir Selection Medley - A Tribute

*Second Lesson - John 14:1-7 Trina Stephenson
(Daughter-in-law)*

*Duet Aretha Rodney (Granddaughter)
Danielle Carr (Granddaughter)*

Obituary Alphonso Stephenson (Son)

Reflections Henry Solly (Nephew)

Solo Rhavynn Drummer

Sermon Bishop Llewelyn Mitchell

Closing Hymn “Hark, Hark My Soul”

Recessional.....Choir

Entombment

*Laurel Grove Cemetery
Totowa, New Jersey*

***Repat immediately following Entombment at
True Witness Church of Jesus Christ.***

Pallbearers

Diane Davis (Granddaughter) Dorine Atkinson (Daughter)
Lilieth Townsend (Daughter) Glovis Atkinson (Daughter)
Lorna Atkinson (Daughter) Miranda Atkinson (Daughter)

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

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