

J.E. Williams, Organist



## <u>Reflections of Life</u>

Mary Louise (Lide) Shipman was born September 19, 1951. She was the 6<sup>th</sup> child born to Edith (Faison) Lide and Walter Lide in Timmonville, SC. She relocated to Paterson, NJ at an early age.

She attended the Paterson Public Schools and later went to the Fox Business School in Clifton, NJ.

She was employed at various companies throughout her life, such as: Printing and Assorted Box Companies as a Quality Control and Machine Operator for over twenty years. She was later employed at North Jersey Developmental Center, as a Health Care Technician.

As a young adult, she was a member of The Solid Rock Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ. She sang in the Young Adult Choir and was involved in many social activities within the community. Mary could be found sitting around making people laugh with her quaint wit. She would be smiling and encouraging many people, especially her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed her family and spending time with her close friends.

She was married to Wilbert (aka Kenny) MC Shipman. She was the stepmother to Victor V. Gee and Keyon J. Gee. She cared for her husband and step children while they were young. She was a devoted and faithful wife and loving and caring friend. Her love for vintage music (Jazz, Gospel, and old time rhythm and blues) was the highlight of her

day. Mary enjoyed reading all types of black history books and had a special interest in the study of black hair. Her hobbies were cooking and sewing. She enjoyed making her own clothes.

On Thursday, October 3, 2013, after a brief illness, Mary departed this life at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson, NJ. She was surrounded by her loving family and friends. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior before He called her home.

She was predeceased by her parents Edith (Faison) Lide and Walter Lide, one sister, Edith Lide-Cato.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: husband, Wilbert (aka Kenny) MC Shipman; two stepsons, Victor V. Gee and Keyon J. Gee; two sisters, Mamie Allen and Celia M. Cook; one brother, Alonzo Lide (Yvonne) of Paterson, NJ; two sisters-in-law, Doris Smalls (William) SC and Delores Reid, (Lee) SC; special nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Very special and close friends, Claudia Berry, Baby Sis and Jo Lewis.

Mary truly loved her family and will be missed by all.

The family would like to thank you for your support. Your cards and prayers are most graciously appreciated.

# <u>Order of Service</u>

#### **Interment**

Recessional

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment the family will receive friends at 309 East 42 Street Paterson, NJ 07504.

# The Master Galled

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

#### Acknowledgement

The family of the late Mary Shipman 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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