

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Henrietta Holmes Bradley

Sunrise
February 8, 1932

Sunset
October 15, 2013

Saturday, October 19, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

St. Paul Sounds of Praise

587-95 18th Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Cleveland Blash, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Henrietta Voorhees Holmes Bradley was born in Newark New Jersey on February 8, 1932 to the late Aquilla Corbett Voorhees of Dothan, Alabama and the late John Hoxton Voorhees from Montreal, Canada. She was the youngest of four children. Henrietta spent her childhood and received her formal education in the city of her birth. It was during her childhood that Henrietta's bright smile and love of people began to show itself. She was a warm, outgoing and energetic child

As a young woman, she became the wife of Curtis Holmes. They were the proud parents of ten children. Dorletha, Curtis, Leroy, Marlene, Gregory, Larry, Deborah, Sandra, Karen and Theresa. Six of her children preceded her in death. She later married Arnie Bradley.

Through the years, her large family continued to grow. She loved each and every member of her family. Her heart and her love was so big, she welcomed each new baby as though they were her first and only. Whenever asked the question, how many grandchildren do you have, she would just smile and say "at 35 grands, I stopped counting". We estimate that she had about 36 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

She was Mom to her ten children but also to so many others. There are literally dozens of adoptees. No child was ever ignored or left wanting if there was anything she could possibly do for them.

Henrietta was hired by the Jewish community and the Newark Housing Authority to run their arts and crafts programs. She also started Bible study for the elderly at 801 North 6th Street. Henrietta dedicated time to assist residents with personal financial assistance whenever needed. Everybody at 801 knew Henrietta was the lady to see if you needed help. As testimony to her love of people no matter the age, she had an open heart and open door for anyone. Henrietta had never driven a car yet she did grocery shopping, banking, kept prescriptions filled and filed tax returns for people often younger than herself.

Her youngest best friend was Susana who's only five years old with whom she had a special bond. She never called her grandma but called her Hennie. Susana was very protective of her and made sure she was present at the end. She was at the hospital at 3am to kiss and say goodbye to her Hennie. She looked at her Mima, Betsy and told her don't cry she's up in heaven working it out with Jesus.

Henrietta was a strong woman of faith. She loved the Lord and believed Him and His Word with her whole heart and mind. She faced adversities, death, trouble and sickness with great courage. Her faith in God has never wavered, tribulations only strengthened her faith. The expression "She's all that" takes on new meaning when applied to Henrietta Bradley. She was so many things to so many people and she leaves us a rich legacy. The most significant attribute is her faith and love for the Lord and His people. Her favorite scripture "The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear, The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid". She served God with all that she had.

She leaves to mourn her devoted children Dorletha Cross, Gregory Holmes wife Elizabeth Holmes, Sandra Holmes, Theresa Granger and husband Charles Granger, her 36 grandchildren, 65 great grands and 4 great great grands, her sister Lucille and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Henrietta Voorhees Holmes Bradley has joined in eternity her parents, Aquilla and John. Her children, Curtis, Leroy, Marlene, Larry, Deborah, and Karen and her siblings Ozzie and Marilyn.

*Sleep Sweet Henrietta.
Take your well deserved Rest.
Thank you for a life well lived.*

Order of Service

Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalms 91

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Solo Ann Lang

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Edward Biggins

Solo Sheila Jackson

Tributes & Remarks– 2mins

1. Poem – Tiha Allen
2. Nicole Holmes
3. Gina Brown
4. Tamika Holmes

Condolences & ResolutionsMinister Linda Montgomery

Obituary..... Jashirele Stewart

Solo Tina Marshall

Eulogy Pastor Cleveland Blash Jr.

Final Prayer

Recessional

Cremation
Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

*Following the Cremation the family requests
that you join them for a repast at
The Manors House
587-95 18th Avenue
Newark, New Jersey*



Pallbearers

Grandsons and Church
HOLD ON FAMILY...

When the night is dark and the clouds are gray, I hear you saying **HOLD ON**. In the mist of all this heartache and pain I hear you saying **HOLD ON**. As I think of the laughter and the joy you bring, I hear you saying **HOLD ON**. As I think about the love you've shown and the burdens you bore. I hear you saying **HOLD ON**. As I think about your encouraging words and the lives you've touched I hear you say **HOLD ON**. **HOLD ON** to the Joy God gives, to the Lessons learned. To the thoughts we have and great memories of you. To the sound of your laughter and the jokes you told. To the times we spent and fun we had. To the games you taught us and the blankets you made. To the pies we ate and the love you shared.

In the midst of it all I hear you saying **HOLD ON!**

Written by Tiha Allen



Acknowledgement

Our family appreciates the kindness and love shown during our time of bereavement.

We would like to extend our most special thank you to Geneva Lockett for her outstanding and exceptional dedication to our Mom and Grandmother. Also our sincere thank you to Bishop Cleveland Blash, Jr. and the St. Paul Sounds of Praise Family.

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