

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Evangelist*  
*Adell Elizabeth (Arrington) Graves*

June 9, 1939 - November 27, 2013

# To Our Queen



## To My Beloved Wife

Eternity we'll share because of God's love  
Reunited someday in Heaven above  
Think of the memories we'll make again there  
It will be wonderful eternity we'll share  
Gone yet not forgotten although we are apart  
Your spirit lives within me forever in my heart.  
Your Loving Husband  
Richard

## The Day God Called You Home

God saw you getting weary, He did what He thought was best,  
He put His arms around you and said come and rest.  
On that heartbreaking day with His arms around you,  
you gently slipped away.  
It broke our heart to lose you and you did not go alone.  
A part of us went with you the day God called you home.  
Your children love you and miss you  
Renee, Regina, Romona and Ricky

## A Tribute to Our Grandmother

We had a wonderful grandmother one who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine, and her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars, and in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful grandmother, and that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because she's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure we honor her in what she sees .

We love and miss you

Nana/Granny and Grandma

Your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

Stevie, Latoya, Andre, Sean, Jarrell, Tameka, Abby, Devante, Zina, Sherri,  
Jamique, Dupree, Denaija, Duquari, Javauri, Lalaila, Nora, Cloe, Bianca,

## Acknowledgements

The family of the late **Evangelist Adell E. Graves** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love and concern and kindness shown to our family during this our bereavement. May God bless and keep you. Special thanks to: Elder GM Mitchell, St Peter's Church, Pastor Carl Clark, Evangelist Christine Olivia James, Eric Ellen and EAE, Rick Greene, Christine O. Wade, Justin Bell-Risper, Garden State Choral Chapter, Michael Parker, Scott Cumberbatch, Joe Henly Creative Designs, and extended family, Carnie P. Bragg and the staff of Bragg Funeral Home and to each of you who helped us through this time.

# Reflections of Life

**Evangelist Adell Elizabeth (Arrington) Graves** was born in Dolphin, Virginia on June 9, 1939 to the late Charlie and Leslie Arrington. She was the sixth of eight children. She was educated in the Brunswick County School System and then relocated to New Jersey at the age of 17.

She attended St. Peter's FBH Church in Paterson, NJ where she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was licensed and ordained under the late Bishop J.W. Parks. In 2005 she became a Founding Member of the Faithful Source Ministries in Hackensack, NJ where her son, Rev. Richard Graves is the Pastor. One of her favorite scriptures was John 14:1.

Evangelist Graves was united in Holy Matrimony to Deacon Richard H. Graves on September 15, 1956. They were happily married for 57 years. To this union four children were born, Sylvia Renee Farrar, Pamela Regina Graves, and twins Romona Graves and Richard Graves.

Evangelist Graves received her Associates Degree from Passaic Community College and a nursing degree (Licensed Practical Nurse: LPN) at Bergen Community College of Nursing. She worked at Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus, NJ for 18 years.

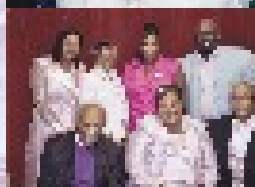
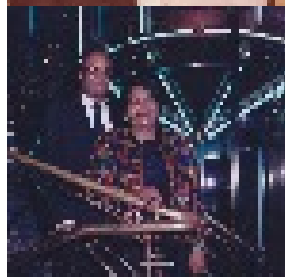
She was a Mary Kay Consultant for many years and had the privilege of meeting "Mary Kay" which prompted her signature color of PINK.

Evangelist Graves was a generous and caring woman and loved any opportunity to fellowship with her friends and family especially her sisters. She was a courageous, strong and adventurous woman that helped her family to migrate to NJ. She learned to ride a motorcycle and was a world traveler. In 1996 she visited the Vatican in Italy where she had an audience with the Pope John Paul II. Her love of travel also included nine cruises.

She took pride in looking elegant as a "Woman of God". Evangelist Graves had a great love for jewelry and was an extreme fan of the home shopping network, QVC!! Above all things, she loved music and did not miss any opportunity to dance in church and would dance at home with her grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Estelle L. Peebles, Otis B. Arrington, Charles L. Arrington, and Julia Dennis.

She leaves to cherish her wonderful memories her beloved husband, Deacon Richard H. Graves; daughters, Sylvia R. Farrar of Paterson, NJ, Pamela R. Graves of Carteret, NJ and Romona Graves of Baltimore, MD; son, Richard "Ricky" Graves of Hackensack, NJ; sisters, Ann Peterson (Clemmon) of Englewood, NJ, Shirley Trotter of Virginia Beach, VA, Marilyn Mays of Englewood, NJ; and five sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law; twelve grandchildren, Stevie Daniels, Latoya Little, Andre Farrar, Sean Farrar, Jarrell Shipp, Tameka Graves, A'Brielle Graves, Devante Graves, Zina Bethea, Sherri Graves, Jamique Graves and Dupree Lemon; seven great grandchildren, Denaija Lemon, Duquari Lemon, Javauri Lemon, Lalaila Lemon, Nora E. Johnson Daniels, Cloe' Shipp and Bianca Shipp; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.



# *Order of Worship*

Saturday, December 7, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

**St. Peter's Church**

175 Fair Street, Paterson, NJ

Rev. Carl Clark, Pastor

Evangelist Christine Olivia James, Officiating

Musical Prelude

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Invocation .....Rev. Edward Allen  
Philemon Missionary Baptist Church, Newark, NJ

Hymn..... “Amazing Grace”

Word of God Declared

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23 – Rev. Patrick Farrar  
Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle, Paterson, NJ

New Testament – John 14: 1-6.....Rev. Willie Clark  
Mount Zion FBH Church, Jersey City, NJ

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Ruby Simmons  
Simmons Memorial Sounds of Praise, East Orange, NJ

Musical Selection ..... Garden State Choral Chapter, NCGCC  
Soloist: Mietta Stancil-Farrar

Acknowledgements/Resolutions/Reflections of Life . Christine O. Wade

Reflections (2 minutes please)

St Peter's Church – Mother Kay Sturdivant

Special Friend – Evangelist Edith Smith

Family – Deacon Clemmon Peterson

Carolyn Bland

Musical Selection .....Garden State Choral Chapter, NCGCC

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Civic/Community Leaders

Clergy – Rev. Carl Clark, Pastor, St. Peter's Church, Paterson, NJ

Bishop Geraldine Rouse, Temple of Joy SOP, Bronx, NY

Special Family Tribute

Grandchildren /Great Grandchildren

Children

Sermonic Selection .....“Take Me To The King” Felisha Farrar

Eulogy .....Elder Gerald M. Mitchell  
New Canaan FBH Church, Passaic, NJ

The Parting Directives Funeral Director

Benediction and Recessional

## **Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park

Paramus, New Jersey

# Our Mom

*Throughout our lives as we counted our successes and patted ourselves on the back, how seldom. Did we remember who it was that began it all. We want to thank you mom because a long time ago you gave us the most precious gift we'll ever receive, our "Life." It is a gift that grows in value over time, a gift we can share with others. Thank you for enabling us to experience all that life has to offer. You were always there to help and to guide. You taught us how to care about ourselves. You shared our interests, our dreams and our beliefs. You helped us to discover what we can do and who we can be. For this, we thank you. But most important Mom, you were always there, to love us and we want you to know we are always here to love you. You have touched the hearts of so many people through your walk in life, through your generosity, words of encouragement and just for being you. For our mothers love was fashioned after God's enduring love, it was endless and unfailing like the love of him above. You were part of an unbeatable team, composed of father and mother. Being a woman was one thing, but being our mother was another. So Mom with all you've given us, we thank and we love you.*

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Stephen Daniels  
Jarell Shipp

Andre Farrar  
Devante Graves  
Darnell Lemon

Sean Farrar  
Jamique Graves

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