

Celebration for the Life of



Gloria G. (Cooper) Dempsey

July 7, 1935 – March 23, 2014

Thursday, March 27, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

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256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Anthony Cureton, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Gloria G. (Cooper) Dempsey, age 78, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. She resided in Westwood, NJ for most of her life.

Gloria was a proud homemaker. She was a member of The Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Westwood, NJ.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gordon Rodney and granddaughter, Jasmine Dempsey.

Mrs. Dempsey departed this life on Sunday, March 23rd, 2014.

She is survived by: her sons, Roland, Jason and Stacy Dempsey, daughters, Vicki (Dempsey) Thomas and Jennifer Dempsey; five grandchildren; devoted friends, Barbara Jean Payne and Barbara Gardner; son-in-law, Walter B. Thomas; and a host of neighbors and friends.

Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen*

-Author unknown



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament



Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Words of Comfort Rev. Anthony Cureton

Recessional

Final Disposition
Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

Footprints

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life.

This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Gloria G. (Cooper) Dempsey** 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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