

Celebration of Life for



Deaconess

Gertrude (Gertie) Mae Ross

December 22, 1919 – June 12, 2014

*“A Chapter Completed, the last page turned,
a life well lived, a rest well earned”*

Friday, June 27, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH

27 Elm Street

Rutherford, New Jersey

Rev. Ray Frazier, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Monday, December 22, 1919 the late Arthur and Julia (Kennley) Johnson gave birth to a beautiful baby girl **Gertrude Mae** in St. Matthews, South Carolina.

She attended elementary and high school in St. Matthews, SC. She received a BA Degree in Elementary Education from Voorhees College, Denmark, SC in 1940. She later attended the William Paterson College, Rutgers the State University and Fashion Institute of Technology in NY.

Gertie met, courted and then united in holy matrimony to Walter Alfred Ross on Monday, December 22, 1941. To this union God bestowed two daughters, Jervine Blacks of Snellville, GA and Janet Althea Ross of Passaic.

Grandma was employed by Allegra Tech Inc. as an Operator Tester, Catholic Family Services as a Senior Outreach Worker, a Elementary School Teacher and also was the Proprietor of Ross Knits and Things Passaic.

At an early age, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She joined the First Baptist Church, St. Matthews, SC. Upon relocating to NJ, she united with the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Rutherford. She committed herself to service. She was an active member. She was a member of the Senior Choir Willing Workers, Deaconess Board and the Sunday School.

Gertie was also very active in the community where she lived. She loved helping others. She never said a mumbling word. She was a member of the Passaic Branch NAACP, Eastern Star, Travelers Club and American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. She also served as a member of the Board of Trustees at the Guidance Guild Nursery School Passaic.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Ross, parents, Arthur and Julia Johnson, sister, Katherine Laval, brothers, Altine and Nathaniel Johnson, a great grandson, Tyshawn Ray, a great great granddaughter, Zha'Tashia Kenner and son-in-law, Marion Blacks.

Her long tedious journey ended Thursday, June 12, 2014. A battle well fought. The Victory won.

She leaves to cherish fondest memories: her daughters, Jervine and Janet; seven grandchildren, Mary Jenkins, Rosann Carter (Jerry), Alice Anderson, Lorraine Blacks, Gloria Carter (James), Mae Frances Ray and Arlene Johnson; nine great grandchildren, Patrice and Kim Jenkins, Tenesha Jackson (Darin), Reshandt Kenner (Kristy), Keyon Ray, Ayanna Carter, Tiojah, Andranay and Andi Johnson; ten great great grandchildren, Jaquan, Zahire, Yasir and OnYeah Kenner, Keyshawn Ray, Justice, Meah, Skyler, Jeea Jackson and Camiyah Morrison; two great great great grandchildren, Zakye and Jaiden Kenner; one god daughter, Joy Wilson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Praise “It Is Well”

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. William Davidson
Pastor Roger Williams Baptist Church, Passaic

Solo Arlene Johnson

Reading of Reflections of Life Lorraine Blacks

Family Tribute Joy Wilson

Remarks (Tributes) Please limit remarks to two minutes

Solo Arlene Johnson

Eulogy Pastor Ray Frazier

Recessional “Let The Church Say Amen”
“When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

I've Changed My Address

I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the great divide
I know there's no sorrow or crying
Because I've reached the other side
I am so happy to be here for

The Lord himself I see
I've changed my address to Heaven
I bid this world goodbye
I now live forever with Jesus
In my new home in the sky
I have no burdens or heartaches
And from tears I am now free

I've changed my address to heaven
I'm safe for evermore

For the Lord built a mansion
And my name is on the door
You can find us walking together
For where he is I'll always be
I've changed my address to Heaven
That's the place you'll find me

Gertrude Ross

12 Gates to the City Avenue
New Jerusalem, Heaven 77777

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Gertrude Ross** would like to thank each person for the acts of kindness extended. Please continue to pray for our family that we get stronger each and everyday God sends. Again we want to say **THANK YOU.***

The Family

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