

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Melissa Ashley Ballard*

*Sunrise*  
September 25, 1989

*Sunset*  
June 26, 2014

*Service*  
Wednesday, July 2, 2014 - 11:30 a.m.

**CHAPELS OF EDEN FUNERAL HOME**

110 South Munn Avenue • East Orange, New Jersey

*Bishop Edward Purnell, Officiating*  
*Evangelist Margarette Ray*

## *The Obituary*

**Melissa Ashley Ballard**, was born in Newark, New Jersey on September 25, 1989 to the parents of Freda Melissa Troublefield and Paul Ballard.

For many years Melissa lived with her mother, (Freda), grandmother, (Joyce Troublefield Nixon) and her big brother, Paul Junior, in Newark, New Jersey. Melissa attended school and grew up to be a beautiful young lady. While living with her mother, grandmother and her only big brother, Paul Junior who was always protective of her, Melissa inherited the gift to cook from her grandmother, Joyce, grandmother, Inez, her mother, Freda and her aunt, Ellen.

Melissa loved family and had become bonded with siblings on both sides of her family like sisters and brothers instead of cousins. Years later, Melissa's mother and grandmother moved to Norfolk, Virginia. However, Melissa wanted to remain in New Jersey with her father's siblings. Melissa enjoyed doing hair and took pride in her dress attire. Just by looking at her a person would never know how very ill she was and suffered severely. Although Melissa was very ill, she kept her appearance as a well groomed person.

Melissa was loving, fun, forgiving, had many friends and became a godmother to a son named Iyob and a godmother to a daughter named Kemayah. In spite of the challenges in Melissa's life, she was the greatest fighter of faith and trusted in God while suffering illness for many years.

Melissa was preceded in death by grandfather, the late Willie Troublefield, grandfather, the late Emmanuel and grandmother, the late Inez Ballard.

She leaves loving memories to remember: her mother, Freda Mellissa Troublefield; father, Paul Ballard; one brother, Paul Ballard, Jr.; a grandmother, Joyce Troublefield Nixon; a special great-great great aunt, Grace Bennis (Eddie) of Mitchellville, Maryland; and a host of aunts, uncles, special cousins, relatives, friends and neighbors.

*"God saw you getting weary. So He did what he knew best. He came and stood beside you, and answered, "Come my child and rest". You wished a few a fond farewells and only a few said good-byes. You were gone before the rest of us knew it, and God knows why. When God called you to come to rest, you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home."*

Lovingly submitted by your  
entire family, Troublefield,  
Ballard, Atkinson, friends & neighbors.  
Loving fun memories

*Order of Service*  
**Noah's Ark House of Prayer**  
**Bishop Edward Purnell, Presiding**

Prelude

Processional.....Bishop Edward Purnell

Hymn.....Rachel Jones

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalms 23.....Chyanne Williams

New Testament - I Thessalonians 4:13-15

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Edward Purnell

Musical Selection.....Rachel Jones

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Tiara Lee

Family and Friends Remarks.....2 minutes please

Special Solo Selection.....Alnisa Brown

Eulogy.....Evangelist Margarette Ray (great aunt)

Closing Prayer.....Bishop Edward Purnell

Funeral Director's Brief

Recessional

*Interment*

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07018

## *When I Must Leave You*

*When I must leave you for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the  
years but start out bravely with a gallant  
smile and for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near and never, never be  
afraid to die for I am waiting for  
you in the sky!*

*-Helen Steiner Rice*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere  
thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow. May  
God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.*

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