

*In Loving Memory of*



*Deaconess Sarah Gillins*

**Sunrise**

December 2, 1928

**Sunset**

June 27, 2014

**Service**

Monday, July 7, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

**Mt. Olive Baptist Church**

11 Ashland Avenue

East Orange, New Jersey

**Rev. Michael B. Jordan Officiating**

## *Obituary*

**Sarah Gillins** was called home on Friday, June 27, 2014 at the age of 85. After her valiant fight with her illness, Sarah's battle had weakened her heart. Her strong will to live, unwavering faith in God, and the love and prayers of family, friends and many supporters carried her through. Yet throughout her own struggle, she still managed to think about making dinner and shopping.

Sarah was born on December 2, 1928 in Bucksport, SC to the late John Westley Mishoe and the late Viola Rawls. The union had a total of fifteen children. She was known for her ease in friendly conversations with even total strangers. Sarah was always known as a go-getter. Throughout her life, she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many, whomever now are being changed by her witness of constant nurturing love and faith. Her signature gift of joy, shown through her constant smiling, laughter and joking around will never be forgotten.

After graduating from high school, she moved to New Jersey in the early 1950's, when she met her soul mate, Walter Gillins, Jr. The two were married on May 26, 1956, where this union adopted one daughter, Debbie Gillins. Sarah and the late Walter Gillins lived happily together for fifty-three years until Sarah became a widow in 2009.

Sarah had many accomplishments including being a Newark District Leader. She worked at the Dept. of Social Services in Manhattan, NY where she later retired. After retirement, Sarah wouldn't let any grass grow under her feet so, she began to put her famous cheesecakes recipe in motion. Sarah started selling cheesecakes to family and friends until the popular recipe blew up. She later started selling her cheesecakes to six different pathmarks. Sarah was very concerned about her community and became actively involved. She was the backbone of Poe Ave. Block Association.

Sarah was passionate about the word from childhood. She was a woman of tremendous faith and often acknowledge her blessings. Church was her second home, and the church members were her family. Her role in the church expanded and she later became an ordained Deaconess at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of East Orange, NJ. One of her important roles as a deaconess was to serve communion on First Sundays. During her time at Mt. Olive, she would help prepare communion and assist with Baptismal Services.

Sarah was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be missed.

Sarah was preceded in death by her father, mother, husband, and thirteen brothers and sisters.

She leaves to mourn: one daughter, Debbie Gillins; one living sister, Rosabelle Gore-Walker; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Mishoe; one brother-in-law, David Gillins; four step-children; five grandchildren, Azudei DuBois, Markise Gillins, Hasise DuBois, Ymani DuBois and Zayr Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and her Mt. Olive Baptist Church Family.

## Order of Service

Prelude.....Rev. Gregory A. Jones

Congregational Hymn.....“I’m Yours Lord”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Howard Grant

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Charles Gillins

New Testament - John 14:1-6.....Rev. Jordan

Musical Selection.....“Precious Lord”

Poem.....Tyreka Bailey

Reflections.....Family and Friends

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Sherrie Moncrieffe

Musical Selection.....Azudei DuBois

Eulogy.....Rev. Michael Jordan

Recessional

### **Interment**

Glendale Cemetery  
28 Hoover Avenue  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

### ***Repast***

*Following the interment, family and friends are invited  
for a repast in the church Fellowship Hall.*

# *This Too Shall Pass*

*When your burdens are many  
And your heart is heavy  
And you doubt your strength can last,  
Reach up, and hold tight to the Giver of  
Life. And know, this too shall pass.  
Ofi' times we are laden  
With trials and sorrows  
That seem to come all too fast.  
Reach up, hold tight to the  
Giver of Life. And know, this too shall  
pass. When doubts and worries plague  
your soul. And your problems are all too  
vast, Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of  
Life and know this too shall pass.  
When your faith is tested. And pain is so  
great And depression you can't seem to  
cast Reach up, hold tight to the Giver of  
Life. And know this too shall pass.*

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient's gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by her  
And saw her in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting her cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased her suffering, gave her rest  
She is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger  
Round the place where she rests.*

**Lovingly submitted,  
The Family**

## Pallbearers

Jaymark Bailey	Tyshon Eason
Markise Gillins	Lequan DuBois
Hasise DuBois	Nydem Shaw
Robert Bennett	Jermaine Pearson

## Acknowledgement

*The Family of **Sarah Gillins** acknowledge with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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