

*Homegoing Service
In Honor of the Life of
Lucy Beatrice Stephens - Howard*

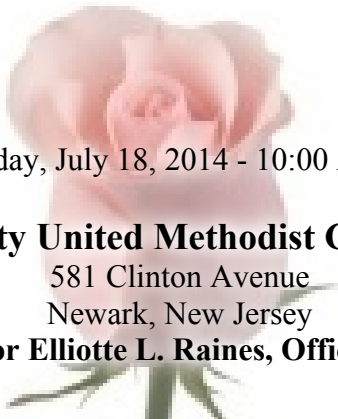


Sunrise
July 30, 1935

Sunset
July 12, 2014

Friday, July 18, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

Trinity United Methodist Church
581 Clinton Avenue
Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Elliotte L. Raines, Officiating



Obituary

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Psalm 46:1

LUCY BEATRICE STEPHENS – HOWARD, daughter of the late John Cephus and Etta Jane Everett was born the tenth of eleven children on July 30, 1935 in Newsome, Virginia. **LUCY** was reared in a home nurtured with the love of Christ. She worshiped at Mount Gilead A.M.E. Church, where she was baptized at an early age. She attended South Hampton County Public Schools, graduating from South Hampton County Training School in Courtland, Virginia.

In the early 1950’s, **LUCY** was united in Holy Matrimony with the late Roger Stephens. To this union as a son, Roger was born. Soon thereafter, she moved to New Jersey where she was welcomed by family members and continued her life’s journey.

LUCY was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Newark, New Jersey until her passing. She diligently served as a member of the: Choir, Nominating Board, Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Bread Ministry, and Meals of Hope Staff.

In 1989, **LUCY** met and married the late Hilary Howard.

Lucy worked as a valued employee of Marriott Inflight Service for thirty years. Later she was employed by Woodbridge Development Center, from which she retired.

Affectionately known as “Miss Bea”, **LUCY** was a lively person. She had a passion for cooking and loved entertaining. She also had a flair for style and fashion. **LUCY** enjoyed bowling, dancing, gardening, traveling, and modeling. She was often referred to as the life of the party.

LUCY BEATRICE HOWARD – STEPHENS peacefully departed this life on July 12, 2014. She leaves to cherish her loving memory a son Roger, two sisters, Doris Miggins (Franklin, Va.) and Bernice Haymes (Snellville, Ga), and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Reflections

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NKJV)

A Tribute to Mother

There were times when only
My Mother's Love
Could understand my tears,
My bitter disappointments
And all my childish fears
There were times when only
My Mother's Heart
Could share the joy I felt
When something that I dreamed about quite suddenly
wasn't real.

There were times when only
My Mother's Faith
Could help me on life's way
And inspire in me the confidence
I needed from day to day.
For my Mother's heart
and my mother's faith
and my Mother's steadfast love
were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.







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Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection Reverend Leonard Hampton

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer..... Richard Gest

Liturgical Dance Nafia Hampton

Acknowledgements/Remarks

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Eulogy Pastor Betty A. Horne
Christ Church
United Methodist Church
Paterson, NJ

Recessional

<p><u>Interment</u> Restland Memorial Park East Hanover, New Jersey</p>
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Pallbearers

Grayson Hampton	Justin Haymes
Rev. Leonard Hampton	Howard Liverpool
D.J. Haymes	John Robinson

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day to laugh, to work, or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, he set me free!



Acknowledgement

We express sincere gratitude and appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shared during our time of bereavement.

God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and prayers.

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