

In Loving Memory of



Deaconess

Margaret M. Upperman

Sunrise
December 26, 1916

Sunset
July 30, 2014

Service

Tuesday, August 5, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Second Baptist Church

124 Atkins Avenue

Asbury Park, New Jersey

Rev. William E. Coleman, Jr., Officiating

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....	Family & Clergy
HYMN.....	SBC Men's Chorus & Congregation
SCRIPTURE READING.....	Deacon James Belcher
Old Testament	Psalm 90:1-12
New Testament	John 14:1-6
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....	Bishop Keith Lewis
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	SBC Men's Chorus
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....	Mary Scott
OBITUARY.....	Read Silently
REMARKS.....	Deacon Jerome Smith & Rev. Gertie Washington
MUSICAL SELECTION.....	Deaf Ministry Interpreters "How Great Thou Art"
EULOGY.....	Rev. William E. Coleman, Jr.
RECESSIONAL.....	"I'll Fly Away"

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Monmouth Memorial Park
Tinton Falls, New Jersey

REPAST

Second Baptist Church
Asbury Park, New Jersey

Obituary

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Margaret M. Upperman, 97, entered into eternal life on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, New Jersey. She was born on December 26, 1916 in Richmond, Virginia to the late Mary and Solomon Smith.

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Margaret believed that hard work was character building and took pride in the various occupations that she held. In Richmond, Virginia, she worked as a waitress at the Clover Leaf Inn, a hair dresser, a clerk with the Phillip Morris Tobacco Company, and notably as the first female insurance underwriter for the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company. Upon her move to New York, she worked at the New York Telephone Company as an operator; later transferring to New Jersey Bell Telephone Company as a staff clerk supervisor. She retired from the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company in 1978, after 26 years of service.

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Throughout her life, Margaret always held onto her faith in the Lord. She was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in Jamaica, New York and continued to serve the Lord after her employment transferred to New Jersey. She became an active member of Second Baptist Church in Asbury Park. There, she became a Sunday school teacher, a vacation bible school teacher, a past vice president of Kiddie Care Child Development for working mothers, and also served as the past president of the Deaconess Ministry.

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Her service to the community also included regular visits to nursing homes where she fed and had Bible readings with patients. Additionally, Margaret voluntarily traveled to various locations in New Jersey including churches, nursing homes, and prisons, performing songs in sign with a group of deaf and hard of hearing men and women. From there, the Upperman Memorial Inspirational Songs in Sign (UMISIS) was founded in memory of Eugene Upperman, Sr. The formation of the group was inspired by her travels to Puerto Rico where she volunteered for 17 years at the Evangelical School for the Deaf.

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Margaret, the last surviving child of Mary and Solomon Smith, was predeceased by her three husbands, Raymond Harrison, William (Bill) Wyley, and Eugene Upperman Sr.; one sister, Myrtle Alexander; five brothers, William, Harry, Solomon, Sylvester and Edmond; and her favorite cousin, Mary Ellen.

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She is survived by her daughter, Loretta Wyley of Jamaica NY; three grandchildren, Kevin Wyley (Joanne) of Bridgewater NJ, Michael Wyley (Giselle) of Atlanta GA, and Nicole Wyley of Jamaica NY; three great grandchildren, Cheyenne, Seneca and Santana; step-mother; step-grandmother; step-great grandmother; and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

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Margaret taught her family to put God first, love yourself and others, and cherish family. She was an inspiration to all who loved and adored her. Margaret M. Upperman, you are a blessing to us all and will be truly missed!!!

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PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

WITH LOVE TODAY

We thought of you with love today

But that is nothing new.

We thought of you yesterday

And the day before that too.

We think of you in silence

And often speak your name.

All we have now are our memories,

And your picture in a frame.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

But you didn't go alone.

A part of us went with you,

The day God took you home.



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank you for the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness expressed to them during this time of bereavement.

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