# Celebration for the Life of



# Betty Allen Owens

November 15, 1939 - August 9, 2014

Friday, August 22, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

#### Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

163 Autumn Street Passaic, New Jersey Rev. W.L. McDowell, Pastor

## Reflections of Life

**Betty Rose (Allen) Owens** born in Henderson, NC to the late Ira Allen and Bessie (Heighter) Allen. She attended the public school system in Henderson.

She moved to NJ after marrying her late husband, Charles Owens. She has worked for the Passaic public school system as a cafeteria worker for more than twelve years. She then worked at Urban Crisis Daycare as a teacher's assistant for about ten years before she retired.

She is preceded in death by her husband Charles, four children Charles, Keith, Wendy, and Troy.

She is survived by five children, Mark Owens of Passaic, NJ. Rodney Owens of Woodbridge, NJ. Hope Owens of Raleigh, NC, Jessica Bradford and Lyvette Brown both of Charlottesville, VA; two sisters, Lily Mae Hodges of Harlem, NY and Cora Allen of Gilburg, NC; two brothers, George Allen of Dallas, TX, and Eugene Allen of Butner, NC; twelve grandchildren, Danielle Owens, Mark Owens, Raheem Jones, Rodney Wells Jr., Shanna Stancil, Jaquan Robertson, Jerry Bradford, Jr., Simmy Wells, Brijae Mckenzie, Javasha Bradford, Jah-Sheem Wells, Isiah Curtis, and Jaheim Bradford; four great grandchildren, Jayden, Yannis, Cam, and Raheem; five godchildren, Tracy Mann, Rina Stewart, Sherry Throutman, Dushawn Kearney and Derrick Young; special friends, Rhoda Bethea, Vivian Jones, Miriam Banks, Frankie Mae Gainous, Janice Ellen and Barbara Mann. She was a 2nd mother to many, and had "many loves of her life".

## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

**Prayer of Comfort** 

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Eulogy ...... Rev. W. Louis McDowell

Recessional





#### <u>Interment</u>

East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey

# 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 love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of 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. Be not burdened with times of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free! -author unknown

### Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Betty Allen Owens** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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