

*In Loving Memory Of*



*Deltena Cray*

*Sunrise*  
*January 18, 1927*

*Sunset*  
*October 11, 2014*

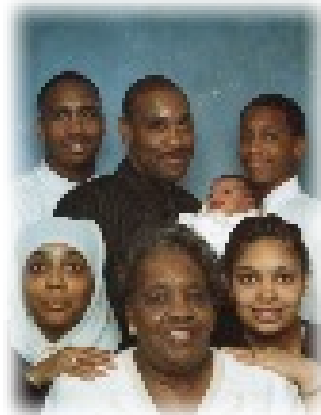
## Obituary



**Deltena Cray** was born January 18, 1927 to the parents of Ollie and Charlie Bond in Sunbury, North Carolina. She was the sixth child of fourteen children. She departed this life on October 11, 2014.

Deltena attended and graduated from Gates County Training School in Sunbury, North Carolina. She followed her sisters, “her best friends,” to Newark, NJ in 1943. Shortly after arriving in Newark she was employed by Claremould Plastic Factory where she retired in 1973.

She met and married the late Harold Cray, Sr. on June 8, 1956. From this union of forty-two years Lawrence Bond, Wakeelah Abdul-Samad (Denise Cray) and Harold Cray, Jr. added to their blessed home.



She joined Phillips Metropolitan CME Church under leadership of the late Rev. H.C. Sells in 1950. She loved her church and was a devout member. She was one of the original members of the Willing Workers which is over fifty years old. She was a member of the Missionary Society, Carolina Club and the Lay Ministry. In 2009, she was given the certificate of Appreciation by the Women’s Missionary Society of the Philadelphia District.

Deltena was a soft spoken and warm hearted person who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She was a giving and hospitable person; a loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. All those that entered her home were embraced with her warm smile, gentle nature and plenty of snacks and goodies. She enjoyed cooking, watching Family Feud, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune and doing crossword puzzles.

She leaves to cherish her legacy: three children, Lawrence Bond, Wakeelah Abdul-Samad (Denise Cray) and Harold Cray, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Deborah Bond; son-in-law, Naim Abdul-Samad; affectionately loved as her son, Timothy McCoy Jones; ten grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and three great- great grandchildren; three sisters, Etta Boatwright, Leronia Kelly and Velma Brown; three brothers, James T. Bond, Joshua Bond and Walter Bond; five sisters-in-law, Laura Bond, Carolyn Bond, Burdell Clark, Jean Cray and Grace Lowry; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

At 5:50 a.m. October 11, 2014, Mommy slept away gently and quietly away just as she had lived.



Returning home and joining her one true love, Harold Cray, Sr. Also preceding her in death were her siblings Phonnie, Vivian, Mary, Evelyn, Charles, Valasta and Bernard.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Family of Deltena Cray

## Services

*Saturday, October 18, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.*

### **Phillip's Metropolitan CME Church**

27 Morris Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

***Rev. Marshall J. Jenifer, Officiating***

### *Order of Service*

Processional.....	Clergy/Family
Opening Hymn .....	"Blessed Assurance"
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Marie Neal
Scripture .....	Rev. Delores Bute
Ministry of Music.....	"I Want To See Him"
Poem.....	Wendell Bond
Words of Expressions .....	Pastor Joe Carter, The New Hope Baptist Church
Remarks (2 minutes)	
Resolutions	
Acknowledgements .....	Cynthia Troupe
Obituary .....	Carolyn Boatwright
Ministry of Music	
Eulogy .....	Rev. Marshall J. Jenifer
Benediction	
Processional.....	"Wind Beneath My Wings"
Interment .....	Fairmount Cemetery • Newark, NJ

### ***REPAST***

*The New Hope Baptist Church  
106 Sussex Ave. • Newark, NJ*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Charles Baker	Rashad El-Amin
Darryl Baker	Lynn Bowers
Reginald Baker	Alvin Boatwright

### **FLOWER BEARERS**

Shronda Boatwright	Rochelle Bond
Renee Bowers	Aneesah Taylor



## *My Grandma*

She'd always welcome you in her home with open arms  
 Cause in her eyes you can do no harm  
 Her tone was very gentle...her smile was warm  
 For all those who knew her...know I tell you no wrong  
 I remember Thanksgivings was always  
 a time for family to gather  
 The house would be filled with people, food, joy and laughter  
 Sometimes on weekends I would come to the house  
 Play with Maisah and Idrees in the backyard till we tired out  
 But before we played we always had a chore to do  
 She'd always make us rake the leaves and pick up the apples  
 Grandma would always be in the kitchen cooking over the stove  
 While Grandpa would be in the  
 chair listening to his sports on the radio.  
 She loved her family an that I know  
 It's not cause she said it...it's what she showed  
 As we sit here in mourning and cry cause she's gone  
 Know that she's okay...her  
 Father in Heaven just wanted her home  
 We should all be blessed we have another Angel sitting up high  
 Smiling down on us next to her King my Grandpa  
 Now tears will fall an hearts will hurt  
 Even though you're in heaven your missed so much on this Earth  
 I know the time has come when we must say goodbye  
 I'll just say see you later and I love you Grandma  
 Thanks for the memories...job well done  
 You've raised a beautiful family  
 Love always  
 Your Grandson

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family gratefully acknowledges all acts of kindness shown during the illness and loss of **Deltena Cray**. Your cards, prayers, visits and other expressions of sympathy have meant much to our comfort. Words do not adequately express our deep appreciation. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and may God Bless you.*

*The Family*

Professional Services by:  
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**Carolyn Whigham, Director**

