

*Celebration for the Life of*  
*Lorraine Lawson*

**Sunrise**  
May 13, 1939

**Sunset**  
November 21, 2014



Saturday, November 29, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

**MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH**

163 Autumn Street  
Passaic, New Jersey

**Rev. W. Louis McDowell, Officiating**  
**George Garrison, Organist**

## *Reflections of Life*

**Lorriane Shirley Rutherford-Lynch** was born May 13, 1939 in Passaic, New Jersey to the late Christine (nee, Tonic) and James Rutherford. She was the second of three daughters.

Lorraine attended the Passaic County Public School System. At age 16, she married Leroy Lawson, and shortly after their union, Lorraine received her G.E.D. In her later years, she also attended Passaic County Computer School, where she received a certificate in Computer Science.

Lorraine was always a hardworking woman. She worked as a Seamstress for Kay Coat Company for 30 years until she retired. Being the hardworking woman that she was, Lorraine came out of retirement and worked as a receptionist for Passaic County Dept. of Labor, she retired for good and moved to Easton, Pennsylvania.

She was also a member of the Union Baptist Church, but attended Mount Pilgrim Church daily. She was also a member of a local women's group, "We-Few."

She was affectionately known as "Grandi", a name she received from her grandchildren. She was also an animal lover, with special love for her cats, which she referred to as her "critters." She also had a way with words, which she called "Grandisms", such as "Balderdash", "Sheez" and "Rice", and many more. She was a beautiful person inside and out, with a heart of gold, and a lively spirit.

Lorraine entered eternal life on November 21, 2014.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Christine; a sister, Claudette Tharpe; one niece, Charlette; two nephews, Todd and Tony; and a special aunt, Lulu Mae Brown.

She is survived by one daughter, Crystal Russell-Lynch (Stephan); one son, Robert Lawson (Renetia); six grandchildren, Erica (lance), Isaiah, Stephan (Tashmirrah), amber, Jaide, and Yazmin; two great granddaughters, Sania and Aashiyana; one sister, Wilma Carter; four nephews, Harvey (Rhonda), Brian, Elliott (Sabrina) and Jesse; one niece, Kim; two special family friends, Harold Pace and Joseph Ferrar; and a special sister, Corretta Hill; five honorary daughters, Arlene Johnson, Avis Watson, Charmaine Johnson, Dawn Alston, and Parisa Dixon; and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude .....George Garrison

Opening Hymn..... “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”  
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Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Words of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life

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Eulogy.....Rev. W. Louis McDowell, Pastor  
*Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, Passaic, New Jersey*

Recessional ..... The Family

## **Interment**

Cedarlawn Cemetery  
Paterson, New Jersey

You can choose your friends but not your family.  
So I just want to say thank you God for blessing me with such an amazing Grandma

With a heart like gold, a soul so beautiful, a love so sweet.  
Not one person could ever compete.  
You were truly an angel here on earth.  
You showed me what life was all about and what it was worth.  
Now that you are in Heaven and we are apart.  
The times we had together I will forever cherish and keep in my heart.  
"Cheese and rice" and "boulderdash" would be something you say.  
Never knew what those meant but I would laugh and it would make my whole day.  
When someone you love is taken away you feel as if this is the ending,  
But really their life is just beginning.  
You are right where you belong,  
In a place where everyday for you is a beautiful song.  
Everyone will have their time where they would have to go,  
But when it came to you I was in denial I didn't believe this could be so.  
I can't say goodbye to you, so I'll say "see you later"  
My Angel, my heart, my everything, my Grandi.  
I'll forever love you to the moon and back.  
So rest in Paradise

*Amber Janine Lynch, granddaughter*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Lorraine Lawson** 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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