

A portrait of Mary E. Bell-Hall, an elderly Black woman with short, dark, curly hair and large, round, light-colored glasses. She is wearing a white lace top. The background of the portrait is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a line of trees, with a field of red flowers in the foreground.

*In Loving Memory of*

*Mary E. Bell-Hall*

Sunrise  
November 9, 1919

Sunset  
November 30, 2014

*Service*

*Monday, December 8, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Metropolitan Baptist Church**

149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Mary Elizabeth Bell-Hall (Nee Turner)** ninety-five of Newark, New Jersey formerly of Jamaica Queens, New York, passed away on November 30, 2014. She was born on November 9, 1919 in Erwin, North Carolina to the late Frank and Laurena Smith Turner. She attended Harnett High School and went on to work at Fort Bragg Army Base. After relocating to New York, she worked for thirty years at Coney Island Hospital as a Nursing Assistant. She served as Chairperson of AFSCME Chapter 420 for many years and was a dedicated worker with District Council 37 (AFL-C10).

Mary was a devoted member of Tabernacle of Prayer For All People, Inc., Jamaica, New York for forty-five years and served as an usher and worked with Outreach Food Ministry. Mary was given the honor of being a “Mother of The Church”. Mary was a Civil Rights Activist working with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Hall, son, William Oscar Bell III, five brothers, Frank Jr., Ernest, Oscar, Samuel and Theodore, four sisters, Linda, Lillie Ruth, Annie and Eloise.

She is survived by: her beloved daughter, Mary Sanders of Newark, NJ; brothers, Herbert Turner of Philadelphia, PA and Alex Turner of Bronx, NY; sisters, Alder Hood of Bronx, NY and Julia Campbell of Lillington, NC; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Turner of Glen Burnie, MD and Jackie Turner of Bronx, NY; three grandchildren, Kevin Sanders of Newark, NJ, Gregory Sanders (Violet) of Jersey City, NJ and Senita Wilson of San Antonio, Texas; eight great grandchildren; a devoted niece, Carolyn Turner of Queens, NY; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other family and dedicated

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Procession (Scriptural Sentences)

Hymn ..... Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-3

Hymn ..... Choir

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Please limit remarks to 3 minutes

Hymn ..... Stella Clark

Obituary

Hymn ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.

Benediction ..... Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.

## **Interment**

Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

## *I'm Free*

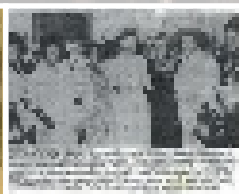
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

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!



## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation  
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was  
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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