

*In Loving Memory of
Bertha L. Hopkins*



Sunrise

February 2, 1923

Sunset

December 15, 2014

Monday, December 22, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Good Neighbor Baptist Church

100 Chancellor Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Dr. George Blackwell III, Officiating

Obituary

Bertha (Bert) Hopkins, daughter of the late Elmus and Georgianna Person was born on February 2, 1923 in Cheriton, VA. She departed this life on December 15, 2014. Although Bert was born in Virginia, she was raised and educated in Newark, NJ, where she graduated from Arts High School.

Bertha was a very talented artist. After High School she met and married Joseph Bearfield, a member of the Armed Forces. Bertha worked as a clothes presser and later on as a domestic home maker. Later in life she met and married Bruce (pop) Hopkins, who preceded her in death in 1998.

Bertha is also preceded in death by her oldest daughter Helena Baxter, her beloved sister, Cherry Kegler and brother, James Person, and most recently her beloved daughter-in-law, Carolyn Bearfield.

Bertha loved going to church and was an avid member of The New Hope Baptist Church located in East Orange, NJ. Bertha was a very soft spoken woman with a beautiful soprano voice. She sang with the Rostonians accopella singing group in the 60's.

Bertha was a great cook, seamstress, and quite the artist. She loved sports and watching golf and football. Bertha loved Tiger Woods, and the Cowboys. Bertha also loved going fishing and crabbing. What Bertha loved most was, playing Bingo and Lottery scratch off and going to Atlantic City.

Bertha enjoyed and loved her family immensely, and loved spending time with them. Bertha was very easy to love, and she will be truly missed by her children, Lamont, Sandra, Sam, and Alex, her daughters-in-law, Shauna and Shirley, her niece, Gloria and a host of great, and great great grandchildren, as well as other family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Viewing

Recessional

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, 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

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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