

Home Going Service for



"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

- John 14:1-4

Sister Wilma Lucile Pressley

Sunrise

June 26, 1922

Sunset

January 3, 2015

Service

Thursday, January 8, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church

100 Montgomery Street • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Rakeem Thomas, Officiating

Obituary

Wilma Lucile Freeman Pressley passed from this life to the next on Saturday, January 3, 2015 after a protracted battle with Alzheimer's.

Lucile was born on June 26, 1922 to Maggie Latta Freeman and Remus Freeman in McConnells, South Carolina. Lucille was the youngest and last remaining of seven children; brothers J.P., Vincent Louis, and Amzie and sister and lifelong best friend Bessy Beatrice as well as two sisters who died in infancy.

At age twenty-four, Lucile left South Carolina to join her sister, Bea in Montclair, New Jersey after attending teacher's college. There she met the brother of her brother-in-law, handsome Army veteran, John Pressley. The two fell in love, and married on November 30, 1946. The couple raised five wonderful children over the course of their loving 55-year marriage, ending with John's death in 2001.

In the late 1940's, the family moved to Newark, New Jersey. In 1961 Lucile joined the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church family where she was an active member involved in many of the outreach initiatives of the church. Lucile was a member of the Nurse's Ministry, the Prevailing Prayer Band which brings comfort to the sick and shut-in, the Seniors Choir and the Pastor's Aide. Lucile served as a cook in the church kitchen and as a Sunday School teacher; but no post brought her as much joy as serving with the Christian Fellowship Association Women's Department where she helped plan the State and National conventions.

Lucile also spread her good works throughout the community through the Eastern Star organization, Martha Chapter #6, where she served on all of the Five Points and a two year term as Worthy Matron 1970-1971. Lucile worked with her Eastern Star sisters for nearly twenty years until family obligations prevented her from devoting so much time outside the home. With all that Lucile did in the Church and the larger community, no one received as much loving kindness, true fellowship and sage advice as her family.

Lucile was predeceased by her parents, brothers and sisters, two daughters, Maggie and Ruthie Odessa and a grandchild, Sierra.

Lucile is lovingly remembered by her five children, Dennis Spencer Freeman, Teresa Sanders, Arline Fisher, Douglas Pressley and Derek Pressley and her niece Bertha Paden. Lucile lives on through her 11 remaining grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great, great-grandchildren.

Despite the debilitating illness that ended her life, Lucile's 92 years here on Earth left a positive impact on the lives of all her family and friends and she will be sorely missed.

Order of Service

Selection.....Elijah Griffiths

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 34:1, 17-22

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-7

Greetings and Condolences.....Jean Montford
Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Nurses Ministry

Selection.....Elijah Griffiths

Resolutions and Acknowledgements.....Church Clerk

Eulogistic Expressions.....Tomara Fisher
Dennis Freeman

Silent Reading of Obituary.....Soft Music

Selection.....Elijah Griffiths

Eulogy.....Pastor Rakeem Thomas

Recessional.....The Family

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Friends are invited to return with the family for a repast at Mt. Pleasant after the interment

Psalms 34:1, 17-22

(A Psalm of David, when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.) I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Revelation 21:1-7

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Acknowledgements

Lucile's family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the many prayers, kind words and other expressions of sympathy extended to us in honor, remembrance and celebration of Lucile's life. May God Bless you all.

"Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." - Matthew 5:4

Professional Services Provided By:

Perry Funeral Home, Inc.

34 Mercer Street
Newark, New Jersey
(973) 824-9201

www.perryfuneralhome.com

