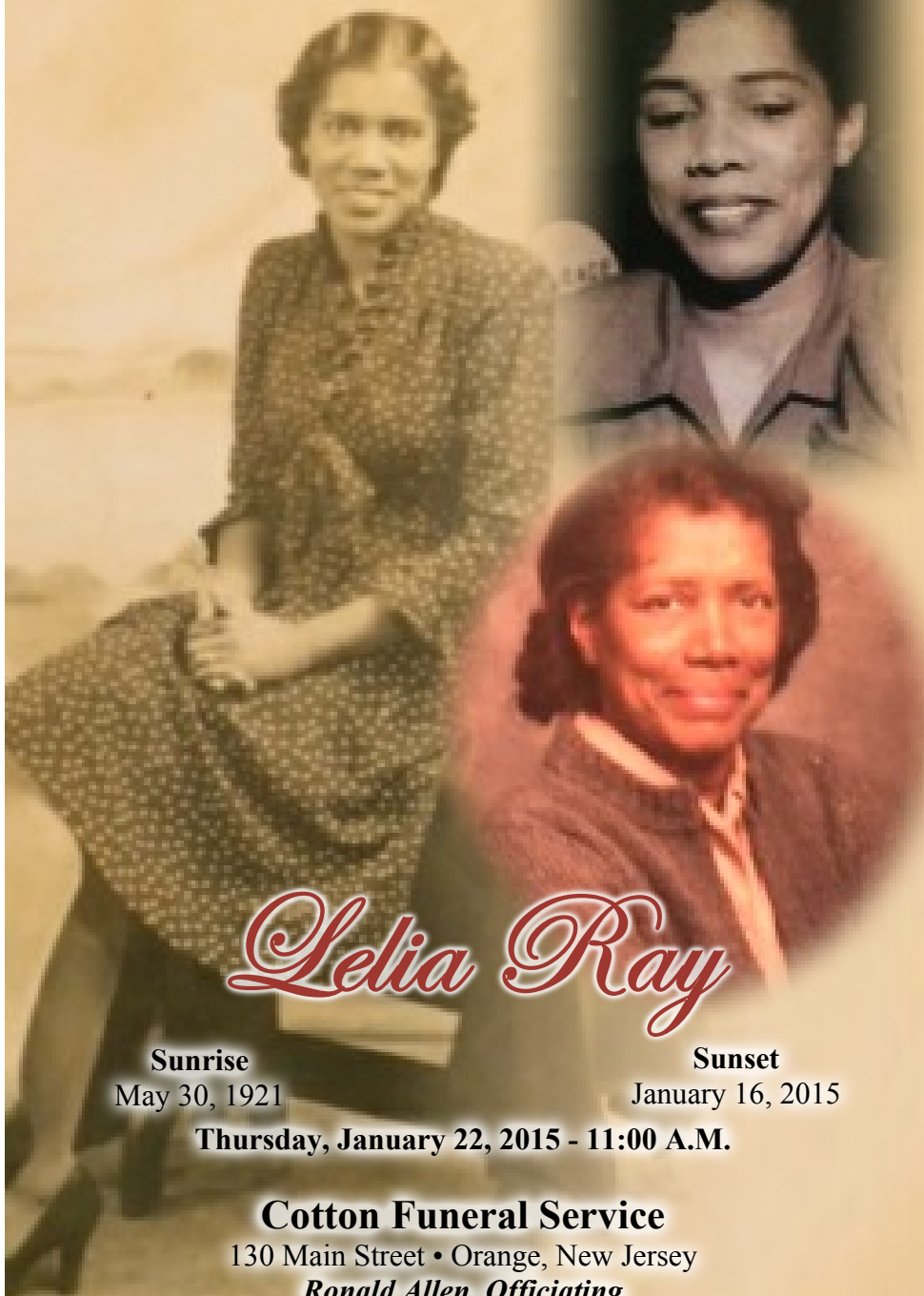


*In Loving Memory of*



*Lelia Ray*

**Sunrise**

**May 30, 1921**

**Sunset**

**January 16, 2015**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

**130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey**

***Ronald Allen, Officiating***

## Obituary

**Lelia Sarah Ray** was born to Lelia Sarah Miller-Jenkins and Clifford Lewis Jenkins on May 30, 1921. She had 12 siblings and one twin sister named Phyllis Ray survived by daughter Marie Milleage and son Sanford Ray. She married Robert William Ray and had two sons Lewis William Ray and Robert Bruce Ray, Sr. She later adopted Jack Nettles as a son. She is survived by her son Robert Bruce Ray, Sr. and her grandchildren, Raquel Ray-Fraser, Robert Ray, Jr., Gerald Ray and Geoffrey Ray as well as several great grandchildren.


Lelia enjoyed tennis and played many matches as a young woman. She had a strong love of music and was a pianist. With a strong social conscious, she supported many not for profit organizations through their fundraising and various programs.

Lelia also had a strong appreciation for education. She helped many people including her grandchildren attain their college education. She also had a strong appreciation for staying healthy and mentally fit. She could often be seen taking long walks in the neighborhood well into her later years.

She believed in the concept of hard work and had a strong work ethic. She held many jobs ranging from housekeeper to a Federal Reserve Bank employee during difficult times for African Americans in this country.

We will miss Lelia, mother and grandmother. We will mourn her deeply for she was one of life's quiet heroes. She never knew any fame or popularity but she was a trailblazer to those who loved her. We thank her for all of her support throughout the years. She was tenacious and bold. Her sense of humor was amazing and greater still her sense of worth.

Lelia Sarah Ray was an amazing woman.



## *Order of Service*

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### **Interment**

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park  
East Hanover, New Jersey

# *The Lord's Prayer*

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*



## *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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