

In Loving Memory of Mother
Eva Kennard Ray Mason

Sunrise: December 24, 1928 – Sunset: February 26, 2015



Thursday, March 5, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Viewing
11:00 a.m. Service

Clear View Baptist Church
314-320 Hobson St.
Newark, NJ 07112
Rev. Eric M. Beckham, Pastor

Obituary

Eva Mason was born Eva Mae Kennard on December 24, 1928 in Houston, Texas to Abe and Hattie Kennard. She was the youngest of six children and beloved by all.

Eva accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Pentecostal Baptist Church, where her mother was a devoted member and her father later became a deacon. While attending Prairie View A&M, she married her childhood sweetheart Charles Marshall Ray and moved to Los Angeles, California becoming part of the great black “post war” migration where they worked in the aircraft industry. They were blessed with two children Robert and Candice. Unfortunately, the marriage ended in divorce and Eva and her children moved back to Houston where she found work as a postal employee. One day she decided to buy a new car, and it changed her life. She met and married a suave, successful black car dealer named Eddie Mason, and her life was changed forever. She was swept into a world of cars, travel, and black business excellence. She also embraced two loving step-sons Michael and Eddie Mason Jr. What a time it was, the 1960’s and 70’s, so much energy! Everything was moving and changing and so was her life. Unfortunately, Eddie died in 1980, and life changed again.

She had the courage to move to New Jersey to live with her daughter Candi and son-in-law Douglas Harris, a prominent jazz musician. The whole family was thrilled! Eva became a full-time loving grandmother caring for her beloved, Nikiva and Mark, never missing a recital or soccer game. This was her great joy! She had a kind and compassionate spirit, and would constantly encourage and strengthen those around her. For several years, she was an active member of the Greater Friendship Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. When she was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease in the late 90’s, she transferred her membership to the Clear View Baptist Church where she was welcomed and embraced.

As her health started to deteriorate, she continued to live with the Christian grace and kindness that had defined her life. In 2008, she was admitted into South Mountain Healthcare in Union, NJ, where she spent the rest of her years. There were countless visits from loving family members and friends near and far. Throughout her long illness she trusted in the infinite mercy and compassion of God.

Mother Eva passed away on February 26, 2015. She is survived by: her three children, Candi, Robert and Michael; step-daughter, Charlesetta Bedford and family; four grandchildren, Nikiva, Mark, Tonya and Bobby; two great-grandchildren, Jordan and Lexie; a devoted niece, Hattie Pendelton; and loving “daughter” Char Ransom; and a host of relatives, family, and devoted friends.

Although, we will miss her dearly. She was only on loan to us. She belonged first to God, and He called His dearly beloved daughter home.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Inspiration.....Congregation
“When We All Get To Heaven”

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Beckham

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Matthew 11:28-30

Musical Solo..... “Amazing Grace”
Douglas Harris

Obituary Reading.....Herbert S. Proctor

Acknowledgments and Resolutions

Musical Selection..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Sister Maritza Beckham

Eulogy.....Rev. Eric M. Beckham

Benediction.....Rev. Eric M. Beckham

Recessional

Immediately after the service, all family and friends are welcome to join in a repast in the church fellowship hall.

Active Pallbearers – Douglas Harris, Mark Harris, Robert Ray Sr., Robert Ray Jr., Michael Wayne Mason, Robert Stewart Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers – Lawrence Harris, Alva Nelson, Dorian McGee, Bobbie Taylor, Joe Manning, Hezekiah Pendelton

She Shall Rest
UNTIL THE RAPTURE
PEACEFULLY IN

Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery
2426 Cullen Blvd
Pearland, TX 77004
Saturday, March 7, 2015 - 1:00 P.M.

Acknowledgement

It is with the deepest appreciation that we, the family of our beloved, **Eva Ray Mason**, wish to acknowledge the love, compassion, and kindness displayed during this time of bereavement. May God bestow His richest blessings upon each of you.

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