

*Celebration of Life*  
***Geneva Hardy***

**Sunrise**  
March 5, 1928

**Sunset**  
March 17, 2015

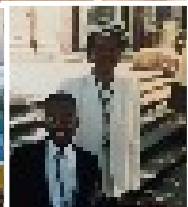
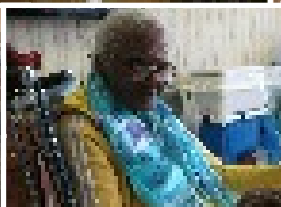
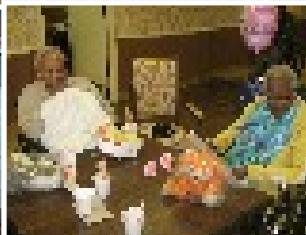
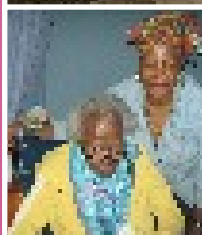
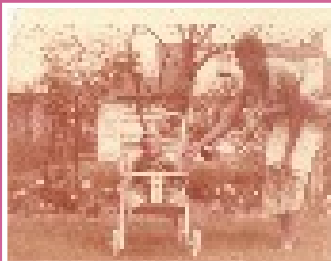


Saturday, March 21, 2015, 11:00 A.M.

**Deliverance Jesus Is Coming Church**

815 Springfield Avenue  
Irvington, NJ 07111

Bishop James H. Everett, Jr. – Senior Pastor  
Elder S. Lewis Fleming – Officiant  
Overseer Carl B. Dixon – Eulogist



## Obituary

On Monday, March 5, 1928, **Geneva** and her twin sister Lula were born to the late John Pennington and Gussie Love Pennington in Lunenburg County, Virginia. Unfortunately her father, John, died 6 months after their birth. Then at the age of 2 her sister Lula also passed away. Even though it was only Geneva and her mother as an immediate family there was a strong extended family relationship. Geneva and her mother lived on the farm of her maternal grandparents, William Conley and Jennie Davis Love. She was also near and around her paternal family, the Pennington's.

Geneva's mother was a school teacher and a stern one at that. Mom Gussie instilled in Geneva a sense of honesty and integrity. Geneva also looked to her mother's 7 sisters, who were all teachers, for love, support and direction.

As time passed Geneva became part of a wide circle of family and friends. Growing up she was especially close to her cousins LeRoy Davis and Verna McFarlane and step-brother Bernard Smithson.

Geneva graduated from Victoria High School. She worshipped at Tussekiah Baptist Church with her family. Along with the family members Geneva had a lot of friends from their small community who she knew from school and church. One of her talking friends was Shula Hardy who had a brother named Cornelius.

As time developed Geneva was able to get to know Shula's brother Cornelius. Cornelius had worked on his father's farm and subsequently moved north to Newark, NJ. After high school Geneva moved from Virginia to Orange, NJ to live with her aunt, Lula Pennington Drummond who became Geneva's surrogate mother. Geneva also became very close with her cousin, Gladys Sheffield.

In 1949, after going through the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree from Aunt Lula, Geneva and Cornelius were allowed to get married. From Geneva's union with Cornelius she gave birth to a son, Addison Cornelius. The family subsequently moved from

East Orange to Newark, NJ and new relationships developed with several great neighbors. Some of the many close friends were Mrs. Clarice Duffie, Mrs. Marie Cunningham, Ms. Snead, Ms. Gladys Cooper, Mother Sally Scott, Mrs. Emma Dixon and a host of other wonderful ladies. She also became the Godmother to Mrs. Dixon's twins Charles and Carl who both eventually became pastors.

During 1959 Mrs. Hardy joined Newark Miracle Temple where she came in contact with more friends. She received spiritual guidance from the church's founder, Rev. R.W. Shambach, Rev. Jim Wardrop and Pastor Carl Plumlee. She developed a ministry of prayer and fasting as well as the gift of helps. At Miracle Temple she was a member of the Sick, Flower and Pastor's Aide Committees. In her later years Sister Hardy became one of the seasoned mothers of the Church and developed a reputation for being a Godly woman of prayer.

In 1979, her son, Addison married Cheryl Clark. Cheryl gave birth to Alfuquan Addison Cornelius and Jelahn Calvin. Mother was very fond of her great grandchildren who she affectionately called "My Little Chickadees". This gave Mother Hardy more to talk with her friends.

A sad note in Mother Hardy's life was in 1985 with the death of her beloved husband, Cornelius. Then in 1986 her mother, Gussie, passed away. For both of these situations Mrs. Hardy leaned on God and received an abundant amount of support from her family, friends and prayer partners.

Mother Hardy left this earthly dwelling place to her heavenly reward on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 where she is probably talking to old and new friends. She leaves to cherish memories her son – Elder Addison Hardy, daughter in law - Dr. Cheryl Hardy, grandsons – Alfuquan and Jelahn Hardy, great grandsons – Brandon, Jalen & Ryan and great granddaughter – Jasiah, first cousins William R. Taylor (Ann), Virginia Harris, Shula Davis, Godsons – Pastors Charles and Carl Dixon and very good friends Clarice Duffie, Suzie Williams and Marie Cunningham along with a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy

Officiant.....Elder S. Lewis Fleming

Prayer of Comfort

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Selection ..... Sister Pat Lofton

Tributes:

Representing Neighbors

Representing Friends

Representing Family

Acknowledgements & Obituary.....Sister Martha Short

Tributes:

Her Pastor.....Pastor Bessie Burney  
Newark Miracle Temple

Grandson.....Alfuquan A. C. Hardy

Representing Clergy

Selection.....DJICC Mass Choir

Eulogy.....Overseer Carl Dixon (Godson)  
Abundant Grace and Truth

Family's Final Viewing

Recessional

## **Repast**

Deliverance Jesus Is Coming Church

Family Life Center

801 Springfield Ave., Irvington

## **-Interment-**

Tussekiah Baptist Church Cemetery

Keysville, Virginia



## *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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