

*Celebrating The Life  
of*

*Katherine J. McPherson*

Sunrise  
November 29, 1928

Sunset  
March 26, 2015

Monday, April 6, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

**FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH**

326 Ellison Street & (Summer Street)

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

*Rev. Dr. Douglas L. Maven, Officiating*

*Dale Van Rensalier, Organist*

# *Life Reflections*

**Katherine McPherson** entered into eternal rest at St. Joseph's Regional Hospital, Paterson, New Jersey on Thursday, March 26, 2015 after a brief illness.

She was born on November 29, 1928, in Camden South Carolina to the late Johnnie and Mazie Williams.

Katherine graduated from Jackson High School in Camden, South Carolina. She spent the majority of her adult life in Paterson, New Jersey. She assisted in various areas of the AARP and other senior groups. Katherine made a tremendous amount of friends, throughout the city.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John McPherson, parents, Johnnie and Mazie Williams; brother, Johnnie Williams, Jr. and sister, Amelia Colston.

She has been a member of the First A.M.E. Zion Church for many years where she served on the Usher Board and the Altar Guild.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, John Cornell (Chandara) McPherson of Worchester, Mass and Brian (Wyketia) McPherson of Atlanta, Georgia; nine grandchildren, Jarrett, of Carlsbad, California, Brandon, Tyrell, Jamal, Jarall, Brian II, Braxton, of Atlanta, Georgia and Ryan and Saqqara, of Worchester, Mass and one sister, Camilla Jeter of Paterson, New Jersey; four nieces, Marion Lake and Catherine Williams both of New York City, Jacquelyn M. Jeter, of Paterson, New Jersey and Cortlyn F. Jeter of Palisades Park, New Jersey; goddaughter, Odessa Owens of Paterson, New Jersey; and many other relatives and friends.

## *Remember Me*

Fill not your hearts with pain, and sorrow, but remember me  
in every tomorrow. Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles, I've only  
gone to rest a little while. Although my leaving causes pain and grief,  
my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.

So dry your eyes and remember me,  
not as I am now, but as I used to be. Because I will  
remember you all and look on with a smile. Understand  
in your hearts, I've only gone to rest a little while.

As long as I have the love of each of you,  
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

# Order of Worship

Procession.....Clergy

Invocation.....Minister

Hymn#280.....“I Have Found A Friend In Jesus”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Psalm 90:1-12

New Testament .....John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

Choral Selection

Acknowledgements &

Reading of Obituary.....Mrs. Alexzine Hunter

Choral Selection

The Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Douglas L. Maven

The Benediction

Recessional

## **Interment**

Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Paterson, 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

The family of the late **Katherine McPherson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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