



In Loving Memory Of

Sunrise
August 14, 1930

Sunset
April 2, 2015

Grace Freeman

Services

Thursday, April 9, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Good Neighbor Baptist Church

100 Chancellor Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

Obituary



Grace Hart Albritton Freeman was born August 14, 1930 in Newark, New Jersey to the late William Albritton and Mary Jennings. She was raised in a loving home with one sister, Dora and four brothers; William, Robert, Joseph and Andrew.

Affectionately known as “Gracie”, she received her education in the Newark Public School system attending Central Avenue Elementary and Charlton Street Schools, graduating from South Side High in 1948. Grace was employed as a meat wrapper at Foodtown in Newark for a number of years, and to Shop Rite in Union, where she retired in 1995. She was also employed at Unified Vailsberg as a food service helper.

Grace was baptized at an early age at New Hope Baptist Church. She later attended Metropolitan Baptist Church, and her final stop was Good Neighbor Baptist Church; where she served as a faithful member until her illness.

In December 1951, Grace married Carl M. Freeman and to this union were born, Derrick Matthew and Ronald Henry.

Grace was an independent, loving and devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She loved to travel and enjoyed any social or cultural event. If there was a cruise, trip, tour, show or concert, she was there. If you said, “let’s”... she’d say “go”. If you needed her she was there and amazingly did it all without the added convenience of driving. She would say, “why do I need to drive when I can take a train, bus or plane?”. And that’s exactly what she did. If you needed her, she’d get there accompanied by her beautiful smile and uplifting voice, and all while impeccably attired. Yes...she loved to dress and so much more! Grace was truly amazing!

Grace was a member of the GNBC Women’s Ministry and Sweet Sister. She was faithful and always willing to do whatever she could to help. She served as a kitchen helper for years to the Vacation Bible School. She was known for her speciality in making salads and sandwiches.

Grace was predeceased by her parents, her sister and three brothers. She leaves to celebrate her home-going: two sons, Derrick (Sarah) and Ronald (Denise); two granddaughters, Aesha and Erica; one Goddaughter, Vanessa Mason-Lewis; nieces, Patricia (James) Keller, Mariella (Xavier) Williams, Cecelia Merriweather; nephews, Robert Albritton and Joseph Albritton; special friends, Ernestine Simmons, Gloria Robinson, Jean Lightfoote, Gussie Shephard, Olivia Lee and new Good Neighbor family. She also leaves to mourn a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	Bro. Donnie Harper
Processional	Clergy & Family
Solo	“The Lord’s Prayer” Sis. Sarah Dash
Scripture Readings	Rev. Frederick Smith Old Ship of Zion Baptist Church • Jamesburg, NJ
Old Testament	
New Testament	
Solo	“We Shall Behold Him” Diana Pauley Williamson
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Nicholas Johnson Raritan Valley Baptist Church, Edison, NJ
Solo	“If I Could Touch The Hem of His Garment” Richard Edwards
Resolution & Obituary	Gloria Robinson
Poem	Erica Broxton
Reflections	(2 Minutes)
Solo	“Wind Beneath My Wings” Courtney Terry Lewis
Celebration Message	Rev. Dr. George A. Blackwell, III Good Neighbor Baptist Church, Newark, NJ
Processional	Clergy, Family & Friends

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Mack Balthorp
Chester Holmes
Ryan Thomas

Stew Holmes
Sam Manigault
James Keller

Words from Your Granddaughter

Well this is not Farewell but a Salute to Grace
Often we think of why and how come but today I say yes.

Yes because you have earned your Wings
Yes because I am proud to say you were my Grandmother
Yes because your job here is complete
Yes because the King has called for His Queen

See what the World may not understand is that Blood doesn't mean we are not a Family. You have been in my life for forty years plus (oops I'm telling my age). You cared for and loved me as if I were born of you-no difference no dismay. I love you just as much as a grandchild would love any grandparent. I'm going to miss you, your smile, the clothes and of course Homemade Peach Cobbler. My heart that holds you dear will never be the same - simply because I won't see your face, smile or hear your laugh. I know that God makes no mistakes, it was your Season, but as a Family we will survive. Regretting that I often can't express my feelings vocally but that's just me and I know you loved me anyway.

So my Gracie (Gacie as I said as a child) I salute you.

To my Dad and Uncle this is only the beginning of a New and Glorious Life for Our love.
So we won't cry and we won't be sorrowful because she is where she is the happiest, sitting next to Her King of Kings.

To my little sister we have lost a matriarch but we are her Legacy.
Today is Her Day and I Salute along with my Family the most graceful,
high spirited woman I know - My Grandmother Gracie.

I'm going on a cruise in honor of you and I'm going to do exactly what you would
Live life to the fullest and Party with Class.

Until we meet again protect us from on high.

Rest easy My Grace it has been an honor to have you as my Grandmother.

Love Your Granddaughter, Erica Broxton

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown
to them during this time of bereavement.*

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