

Home Going Celebration Services
In Memory of

Mary Ann Newton

Sunrise: October 13, 1931

Sunset: March 31, 2015



Thursday, April 9, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

Calvary CME Church

25-29 Oak Street

Jersey City, NJ 07304

Rev. Patricia A. DeGraffenreid, Officiating

Obituary

Mary Ann Newton, the first born child to Rosetta and Sylvester Ferguson, was born in Hahira, Georgia on October 13, 1931. She was the oldest of twelve siblings. Mary Ann was educated through the Vadosta, Georgia School system.

In 1952, Mary Ann met Frank Morris Newton, Jr. and was united in holy matrimony on April 18, 1953. They were married for forty-eight years until his death in 2001. From their union they were blessed with six children, Ralph, Wyatt (deceased), Floyd, Delores, Alvin (deceased) and Vermia.

Mary Ann joined Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in 1955, where she and her family discovered a place of spiritual growth, renewal and service. Calvary has always been a solid foundation with an incredible Christian nurturing environment for her family.

The family moved to Jersey City in 1954, after the birth of their first child. Mary Ann was employed at Crown Cork & Seal for a brief time, but left to raise their children at home. After her last child entered school, Mary Ann began participating in the parent's counsel at Public School #15 (later named Whitney M. Young Jr.). A very active member of the parent's counsel, Mary Ann served as an officer for several years and became employed there for twenty one years until her retirement in 1996. After retirement, she continued a very active life with her involvement in the church and community.

Throughout her eighty plus years, Mary Ann received numerous awards and recognitions. Prior to her illness, she was an active member at Calvary. Mary Ann had an extremely compassionate heart and what gave her the most joy was her participation in Calvary's soup kitchen, feeding hundreds within the community.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons, Ralph Newton (Lavonya) and Floyd Newton; two daughters, Delores "Tweety" Brown (Paul Sr.) and Vermia Newton; seven brothers, Isaiah Ferguson, Nathaniel Ferguson (Mary), Johnny Ferguson (Beatrice), Robert Ferguson (Bessie), Cleveland Ferguson, Freeman Ferguson (Betty) and Anthony Ferguson (Nancy); three sisters, Geneva Jackson, Jewell Doyle and Vermia Clarke (Charles); six grandchildren, Paul Brown Jr. (Arielle), Jessica Lewis (Kevin), Chimere Bracey, Chaaaz McClary, Tiffany Newton and Tyler Newton along with a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Officiant: Rev. Patricia A. DeGraffenreid

Musical Prelude.....Organist

Processional.....Clergy/Officiate/Family

Hymn.....”Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Kevin Agee

Scripture Readings.....*Elder Fred Belcher*

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New Testament - Galatians 6:7-9

Selection.....Voices of Calvary

Remarks & Reflections.....(2 minutes, please)

Church Friend- Elise D. Smart

Work Friend- Franklin Walker

Family Friend - Rev. Edward Moultrie Sr.

New York-Washington Region - Bishop James B. Walker

Family Reflections

Selection.....Voices of Calvary

“I Know It Was The Blood”

Acknowledgements.....Sister Wanda Glass

Silent Reading of Obituary.....Daryl Coley

“To Live As Christ”

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Paul L. Brown, Sr.

President/Dean Philips School of Theology, Atlanta, GA

Final Viewing

Recessional

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Interment

Friday, April 10, 2015

William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Arnetown, New Jersey

Repast

Calvary CME Church Fellowship Hall – lower auditorium

(All are welcome)

Special Thanks to
Promise Care
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Sincere Thanks

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to all of you who made this time of bereavement a moment of peace.

Thank you for your kind words or any expression of support during this time of sorrow.

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