Celebrating the Life



Sunrise September 3, 1930

> Sunset April 3, 2015

# Mrs. Catherine S. Roberts

Saturday, April 11, 2015 ~ 9:30 AM

First Baptist Church

100 High Street • Cranford, New Jersey Rev. Alfred E. Brown, Jr., Pastor, Officiating

<u> Order Of Service</u>

#### **Organ Prelude**

Processional

**A Parting View** 

Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

> Scriptures Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Cheryl L. Smith

Solo Miss Jane Befumo

#### **Acknowledgment** of Condolences

Obituary

Solo Miss Valerie Martin

Eulogy Rev. Alfred E. Brown, Jr.

#### Recessional

Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to return to the church for a Repast.

#### **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

### **Pallbearers**

Kevin Roberts, Jr. Shaheed Smith

Kareem Roberts Marsellis Chandler

Services Entrusted To: G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC 206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203 www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

<u>Life Reflections</u>



**Catherine S. Roberts** was born on September 3, 1930 in Cranford, New Jersey, daughter of the late Herbert and Jane Shellman.

She attended the Cranford Public School system and graduated from Cranford High School. At a young age, Catherine joined and was baptized at First Baptist Church in Cranford under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Benjamin Allen.

She worked at Burry Biscuits in Newark and went to IBM School for Keypunching. Catherine retired as an

Assembler/Packer at Glaxo, Smith and Kline in Piscataway after fifteen years of service. Prior, she was a Supervisor at J. B. Williams Pharmaceuticals in Cranford for twenty years.

Catherine, Mommie, Grandma, Aunt Catherine, Mrs. Roberts was matriarch of the family who was indeed beautiful from the inside out. She welcomed everyone to her heart and home including strangers with a warm smile and open arms. Her family was her number one priority. Cooking, crocheting and entertaining were something she embraced with graciousness. The holidays were always spent with loving family and friends. Mom was known for her famous dinner rolls and the woody cake, both she would make from scratch. The excitement of a new family member generated an intimate gift of love in the form of a blanket, afghan and baby clothing.

On Friday, April 3, 2015, Catherine departed this life peacefully surrounded by her loving family at the age of eighty-four.

She was predeceased by her husband, Fitzgerald "Sonny" Roberts, sister, Margaret Lane and brother, Charles Shellman.

Catherine S. Roberts leaves fond memories: her children, Raymond Roberts, Sr. of Roselle, New Jersey, Rosilyn Watson (Donald) of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Kevin Roberts, Sr. (Gail) of Wrens, Georgia and Gerald Roberts (Myrna) of South Plainfield, New Jersey; step-children, Debra Edwards of Linden, New Jersey, Gary Smith (Jaraysha) of Baltimore, Maryland and Ronald Smith of Irvington, New Jersey; fourteen grandchildren, Tamara, Raymond, Jr., Carolyn, Danielle, Donald, Jr., Darrell, Derrick, Tameko, Kevin, Jr., Jasmine, Tania, Quincy, Kareem and Nadia; thirty-four great-grandchildren; four great great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives; good friend, Sarah; and her cousins, her buddies Roselle, Alma, and Mert.

My mom's daily chant was "I know the Lord has laid his hands on me."

Lovingly submitted, The Family S

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"Together Again"

# "A Very Special Lady"

A very special lady, being celebrated today A mother, grandmother, wife, and friend. We lovingly called her Catherine. One who was loving caring and giving, and Showed it in everyway Whether it was a Sunday dinner Or a gift on Christmas Day. Today we have traveled here with something special to do. We gather here today to simply Tell you we love you.

*~Written by her granddaughter Tameko in 1995 and still applies today in 2015* 

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Catherine S. Roberts** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

