



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Sally Owens Howard*

**Sunrise**  
July 12, 1910

**Sunset**  
April 5, 2015

**Saturday, April 11, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Unity Freedom Baptist Church**  
739 South Street • Newark, NJ  
**Pastor Rev. Cornelius Martin, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Sally Owens Howard**, daughter of the late Mary Abbie Eubanks-Owens and Reverend George H. Owens, was born on July 12, 1910, in South Boston, Virginia. She peacefully departed this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 5, 2015, at the Elmora Hills Healthcare Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Sally Howard was affectionately called Nana by so many people. She attended the Pleasant Grove Public School system in Halifax County growing up and later matriculated to several training schools and colleges in the area. She was a book keeper, a librarian and a teacher in Halifax County. After giving birth to one daughter, Mary Ann Whitt in 1936, she moved to Montclair, New Jersey, to live with her sister Grace Owens-Anderson. Later on she moved to Newark, New Jersey, where she met and married Haywood Howard. After becoming a full time house wife, Nana decided to pursue her passion for children and start her career in childcare. Over the years, she has extended her love and devotion to over 300 children. She always wanted a son and was blessed to help raise Gene Clemetson who she treated as if he was her own.

**Sally Owens Howard** was a faithful Pillar of the Unity Freedom Baptist Church located in Newark, New Jersey, since the doors opened in 1971. Over the years, she served in many capacities: Deaconess, missionary worker, youth worker, Pastor's Aide , and a Mother of the church. She really believed in education, so she was also an active member of the scholarship committee. She often helped feed the hungry. Mother Howard loved, assisted, and supported her pastor The Reverend Isaac Martin, First Lady Bernice Martin who she referred to as one of her God-daughters and the Reverend Cornelius Martin who she affectionately called her son.

**Mother Sally Howard** was preceded in death by her seven siblings, four sisters: Callie Owens, Grace Owens-Anderson, Lorraine Owens-Venable and Mary Jane Owens; three brothers: Charlie Owens, Daniel Owens and Clarence Owens. She leaves to cherish a host of nieces including her two nieces who lived with her for many years, Delores Woods and Elizabeth Howard, a host of nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. She also leaves to cherish her four God-daughters: Sharice James, Carolyn Lawton, Gail Jordan and Bernice Martin.

## *Order of Service*

Processional.....Organ Prelude

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn.....“I Surrender All”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo Selection .....Tomeeko Hunt

Obituary Reading

Reflections:

Representative of Unity Freedom Baptist Church

Representative of the Family: Gene Clemetson

Representative of Extended Family and Friends: Celeste Conway

Solo Selection

Eulogy.....Reverend Cornelius Martin

Final Viewing

The Benediction.....Reverend Cornelius Martin

The Recessional.....Organ Postlude

### **Interment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

*Repast immediately following the interment back at the church.*

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*

## *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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