



*Home Going Celebration
In Loving Memory of*

Lucy J. Graves

Sunrise
September 19, 1934

Sunset
April 12, 2015

Service
*Thursday, April 16, 2015
Eleven O'Clock in the Morning*

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church
100 Montgomery Street • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Rakeem S. Thomas, Officiating

Obituary

LUCY J. GRAVES departed this life on Sunday, April 12, 2015.

Lucy was born in Goochland, Virginia on September 19, 1934 to the late Samuel and Bettie Gabbin. She was one of nine children.

Lucy was educated in the Goochland County Public Schools, Central High School, and Smith-Madden Business College in Richmond, VA.

Lucy was joined in holy matrimony to the late Beverly H. Stewart on June 11, 1955. They were blessed with three children from this union. Lucy found happiness a second time with Ellis Graves, and they were married on May 25, 1991.

Lucy joined Emmaus Baptist Church at an early age. She was a faithful member at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church for fifty-six years until her illness. She was a member of the Mothers Board Ministry.

Lucy retired from North Jersey Developmental Center, Totowa, NJ as a Senior Therapy Program Assistant after thirty-two years.



Favorite past times were spending time with her family, especially with her sister, Nannie. She enjoyed playing slot machines in Atlantic City and Dover Downs Casinos. Her favorite sports to watch on television were tennis (Williams Sisters, especially Serena) and golf (Tiger Woods). When her grandson, Devon, was in college, she enjoyed attending his basketball games. She had a unique sense of humor, always telling jokes. She loved to travel.

Lucy leaves to cherish her memory: husband, Ellis Graves; daughters Debra A. Young (Albert), Beverly J. Stewart; son, Gary L. Stewart (Tracey); granddaughters, Leticia, Amelia, and Janaa; grandsons, Shawn and Devon; great grandson, Corey; sister, Nannie Owens; two step-children, Hazel Graves and Ellis Graves, Jr. (Lisa); four step-grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; godsons, Andre Hawkins and William Jones, Jr.; ten sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was predeceased in death by her sisters, Martha, Mildred, and Bessie, and brothers, James, Samuel, Frank, and Floyd.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

The Parting View – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Musical Prelude

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements

Silent Reading of Obituary

Remarks (Please limit your remarks to two minutes)

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Saturday, April 18, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.
Emmaus Baptist Church Cemetery
Goochland, Virginia

Repast

The repast will take place immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.



Mom,
 no matter what I do today,
 or where the future
 takes me tomorrow,
 I promise to remember
 all the things you've taught me
 and how very much
 you loved me.
 And in case I didn't always say it,
 and sometimes I forgot to show it,
 I want you to know
 I love you, too, Mom

**When Tomorrow
 Starts Without Me,**

And I'm not there to see;
 If the sun should rise and find your eyes
 All filled with tears for me;
 I wish so much you wouldn't cry
 The way you did today,
 While thinking of the many things
 We didn't get to say.
 I know how much you love me,
 As much as I love you,
 And each time you think of me
 I know you'll miss me too;
 But when tomorrow starts without me,
 Please try to understand,
 That an angel came and called my name
 And took me by the hand,
 And said my place is ready
 In heaven far above,
 And that I'd have to leave behind
 All those I dearly love
 So when tomorrow starts without me,
 Don't think we're far apart,
 For every time you think of me,
 I'm right here in your heart.



Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Lucy J. Graves** says Thank You for all acts of kindness during the illness and home going of our loved one. Thanks is just a portion of a deep appreciation for sharing so much love from your hearts. Your kindness is a source of joy and inspiration, that thanks is not enough it's just a start.*

May God bless you and keep you always in His care.

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