

In Loving Memory of

Winifred "Winnie" Thurston



Sunrise
April 2, 1937

Sunset
April 15, 2015

Sunday, April 19, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

Claremont Lafayette United Presbyterian Church

124 Claremont Avenue • Jersey City, NJ 07305

Helen Syria, Organist



Obituary

Winifred Marguerite Thurston was born on April 2, 1937 in Jersey City, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Henry and Dorothy Butts.

“Margie” grew up in the Downtown and Lafayette sections of Jersey City. She attended and graduated from the local school system. At some point during this time she met and married Jesse Thurston. From their union two children, Kevin and Karen were born.

Margie’s extended family, primarily her maternal grandmother; Winifred Smith provided her much support during some lean years.

“Winnie” as she was called by all during her working years sort out and held down employment as a bookkeeper. It was during this time in 1973 that she suffered a setback. She had a stroke that left her partially paralyzed on her right side. Her determination, perseverance and support from GOD allowed her another forty-two years on this earth. She enjoyed traveling and visited many places in the states to include Africa, Europe, and Alaska. Winnie successfully re-entered the workforce and subsequently retired from Columbia Paint and Laboratory Company after many years of service.

Winnie was an active member of the Claremont-Lafayette United Presbyterian Church. She served as Youth Counselor, Adult Sunday School Teacher, Elder, and Trustee Board Member. She also served as President of the Senior Seasoned Retirees organization. She was a member of the NAACP.

“Mother”, “Grandma”, “Margie”, “Winnie” spoke her mind and didn’t mince her words on given situations and topics.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, James; husband, and her favorite aunt and uncle, Lena and Lexie Copeland.

Winifred passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. She was loved and will be missed by her children, grandchildren Sharnique, David, Desiree and Kevin; Great-grandchildren, Ashley, Justin, Brittany, Tyleek, Ciara, Austin, Daquan, Davian, Xavier, Natajia, Davionne and Tashinaya; Great-great grandchildren, Gianna and Giovanna and a host of relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude.....Helen Syria

Opening Services.....Rev. Kevin Williams

Opening Hymn..... “*Come Ye Disconsolate*”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Kevin Williams

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - John 14

Selection.....Paul Maxwell

Acknowledgements & Resolutions
two minutes please

Reflections
Message - Ellen Wright

Selection.....Paul Maxwell

Obituary.....Kevin Thurston

Eulogy.....Father Eugene Squeo

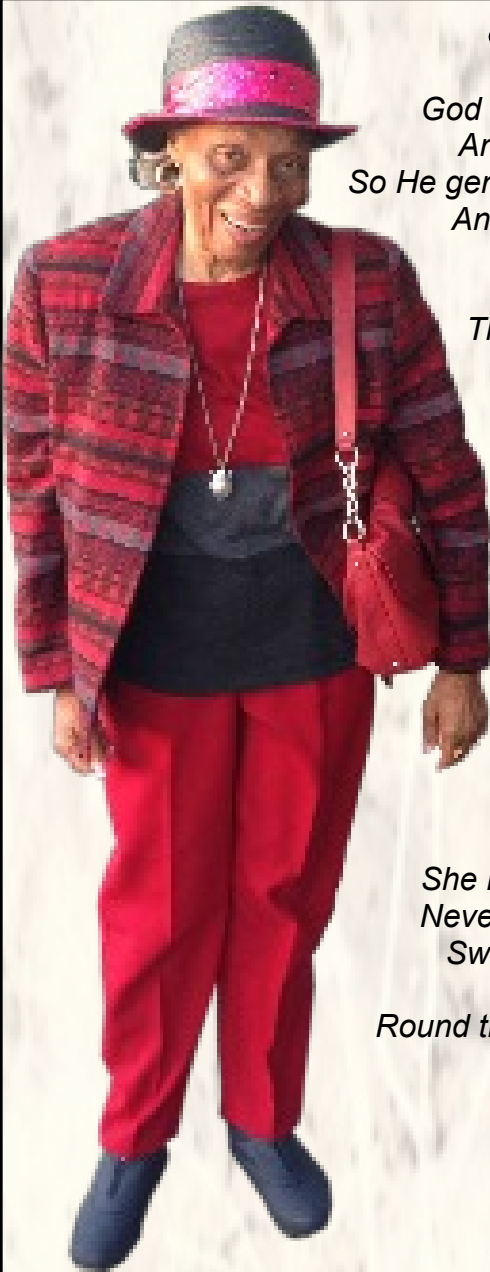
Closing Selection.... “*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*”

Benediction.....Eugene Squeo/ Rev. Kevin Williams

Recessional

Interment

Rosemount Memorial Park
Elizabeth, New Jersey



Come To Me

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Come to me"

The days of toil and
nights of pain

The weary hours have passed

The patient gentle
worn out frame

Has found sweet
rest at last.

Day and night
we stood by her

And saw her in pain,
Anxiously awaiting

her cure

But our waiting was in vain.

God who knoweth
all things best

Eased her suffering,
gave her rest

She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will our memories fade

Sweetest thoughts of her
will ever linger

Round the place where she rests.

-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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