

*In Loving Memory of*

*Luretta R. Pringle*

*Sunrise*  
*October 12, 1917*

*Sunset*  
*June 13, 2015*

*Service*  
*Monday, June 22, 2015 – 12:00 Noon*

**Christian Pentecostal Church**

*971 Clinton Avenue • Irvington, New Jersey*

**Jerry Smith, Officiating**

**Linden Jones, Organist**

**SueSue Montgomery, Soloist**

## Obituary

**Luretta Russell Pringle** was the daughter of Alexander Russell and Mattie Woodard. She was born October 12, 1917 in Winnsboro, South Carolina. Luretta departed this life June 13, 2015; she was 97 years young.

**Luretta** was married at age 18 to James Ashford Sr. She gave birth to her one and only child, James Jr. in 1936. Luretta left her home in the late 1950s and moved to the city of Newark, NJ. She worked for the V.A. Hospital in Lyons, NJ as a nurse's aide for two years. Luretta inherited her business sense from her father, Alexander Russell, who was the 1<sup>st</sup> black embalmer, funeral home owner and director in the south.

**Luretta** pursued her vision to own, operate and manage her own businesses around the city of Newark around the mid 1960s. These businesses ranged from grocery stores to restaurants. During that same time period Luretta became interested in becoming a foster parent.

**Luretta** met Willie Pringle after the death of her first husband, James Ashford Sr., and the two were married years later. Luretta loved being a grandmother and foster mother. She also enjoyed holidays, summer cookouts and church functions. She loved the art of cooking for others. Luretta was a champion to her community and she was well respected. Helping the less fortunate in society was her *true calling*, from feeding the homeless to being a mother to those that were motherless.

**Luretta** became an active member of Christian Pentecostal Church in Irvington, NJ in the late 1980s under the leadership of Dr. Willie L. Smith. She raised approximately 17 foster children during her time as a foster mother.

**Luretta** was preceded in death by her mother, Mattie Woodard, son, James Ashford Jr., adopted son, Askia "Ski" Pringle, brother, Aaron Woodard, and both of her husbands, James Ashford Sr. and Willie Pringle.

**Luretta** leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter-in-law, Jessie M. Ashford; five grandchildren, Victoria, Tracie, Leon, Alonzo and Larry Ashford; adopted sons, Omar and Excel Pringle; sister-in-law, Anna Belle Puryear; 15 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren; and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She will truly be missed.

*Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Musical Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Solo**

SueSue Montgomery

**Acknowledgements**

**Obituary**

**Musical Selection**

**Eulogy**

Jerry Smith

**Final Viewing**

**Recessional**

~ *Interment* ~

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey



## *To Those I Love*

To Those Whom I Love  
And Those Who Love Me  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love each has shown  
But now it is time I travelled on alone  
So grieve a while for me,  
if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by trust  
It is only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories in your heart  
I will not be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart, you will hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear.  
Then, when you must come this way alone  
I will greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."

### *Acknowledgements*

*The Family of **Loretta Pringle** would like to thank our many friends for the prayers and expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of mourning. We shall forever remember with great appreciation, for all that you have done to help us through this difficult time. It is our fervent prayer that God continue to bless all of you in a very special way.*

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