



In Loving Memory of
Sarah Jane Wallace

Sunrise
June 20, 1909

Sunset
August 19, 2015

Monday, August 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

FAIR LAWN MEMORIAL CEMETERY

22-21 Maple Avenue • Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Rev. Anthony Cureton
Grace Chapel Baptist Church

Reflections of Life

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015, **Sarah Jane Reels-Wallace**, fell asleep in the arms of Jesus from natural causes. Sarah was 106 years old.

Sarah was born June 20, 1909 to the Late Elijah and Siddie Reels in Merrimon, North Carolina. Her twin, a brother, was stillborn. Sarah was the last survivor of 18 siblings. She met and married George Wallace to which two daughters were born, the Late Alberta Drakeford and after moving to Paterson in 1929, Hattie May was born.

Sarah was baptized at an early age and after moving to Paterson, she joined the St. Luke Baptist Church with Rev. Alfred M. Tyler as the pastor. After moving across town to Water Street, Sarah joined the Christ Temple Baptist Church with Rev. Freddie Roberson as her pastor.

Sarah worked at KEM Manufacturing in Fair Lawn until her retirement in 1971. She was one of the first families to move into the Christopher Columbus Projects in 1962. She remained there until they closed them down. Sarah, a very independent woman, lived on her own until she fell and broke her hip at age 97. She resided at Wayneview in Wayne.

In 1950, with her youngest daughter Hattie May passing after childbirth and thyroid surgery, Sarah, at the age of 42 and divorced, brought her grandson Lonnie home from the hospital and raised him as her son. It was at a later age when he found out she was actually his grandmother. When it came to raising Lonnie, she was a loving, devoted, “NO-nonsense” Mom. Sarah instilled in Lonnie the importance of good character and education. She was a true example how one parent can raise a great man! Sarah loved having her grands, great grands and great, great grands around her. She enjoyed talking with them and watching them grow, laugh and play.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: a son, Lonnie Wallace; a daughter-in-law, Jeannette Wallace; a grandson, Jeffrey Drakeford; four great grands, Lenora (Cliff) Humphrey, Laina Avant, Lonnie Wallace Jr, Donell (Filisha) Pauldo; seven great, great grands, James, Kaci, Daizon, Mia, Mya, Nyasia and Dahmari; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Obituary

Words of Comfort
Rev. Anthony Cureton
Grace Chapel Baptist Church

Committal

Benediction

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Sarah Jane Wallace** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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