

In Loving Memory of

Ophelia Bryant

Sunrise
March 27, 1928

Sunset
October 8, 2015



Friday, October 16, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH

327-330 15th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Kenneth Young Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Ophelia Bryant, the daughter of the late James E. and Sudie Council was born March 27, 1928 in Roberson County, North Carolina and departed this life on October 8, 2015. At an early age she accepted Christ and joined Saint John Baptist Church in Shannon, North Carolina.

Ophelia was educated in the public schools of Roberson County, North Carolina and continued her education at Fayetteville State Teachers College where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Teachers Degree. She taught elementary school in the state of Georgia for several years before relocating to Newark, New Jersey.

Ophelia was united in holy matrimony January 4, 1952 to the late Charlie Bryant and this union was blessed with one daughter, Marilyn.

Ophelia in 1962 joined the Gethsemane Baptist Church of Newark, NJ. She was a faithful member of the Deaconess Ministry and worked diligently with the Sunday school and Missionaries.

Ophelia enjoyed her friends and relatives as well as the Gethsemane Church family. She is the adopted grandmother to Darlene, Charlene, Steven and Ruby.

She loved children and they loved her. She cherished her special cousins, Nathan (Lisa), Tracey, Darman, Nathan Jr. and Laura all of whom she baby sat.

Ophelia loved fishing, playing bingo and cooking.

Ophelia was preceded in death by her parents, James E. and Sudie Council, two brothers, Alvin and Cleo Council.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a devoted daughter, Marilyn and son-in-law, Thomas Beckwith of Union, NJ; one sister, Kathleen Traynham of Springfield, Mass.; one brother James E. Council, Jr. of Shannon, NC; dear friends, Mary Baker, Kathleen Miller and Gladys Leak and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Seating of the Family

Hymn “May The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Reflections

Acknowledgements and Obituary

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Kenneth Young Sr.

Recessional

Organ Postlude

Interment
Graceland Cemetery
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited to return back to the church fellowship hall for the repast.

Pallbearers

Family and the Deacons of Gethsemane Baptist Church

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

*Our creator has given us a wealth of friends and a caring church family, who have been generous in support and kindness. We deeply and humbly appreciate your sincere kindness and generosity during this period of bereavement. Your kindness, presence and comforting words shall always linger in our hearts. We are blessed to have friends like you.
May God continue to bless each of you.*

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