

Celebrating the Life of
Virginia Mae Heard

Sunrise
May 2, 1929

Sunset
August 1, 2016



Thursday, August 11, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

FIRST AME ZION CHURCH

326 Ellison Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Reverend Dr. Douglas L. Maven, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Virgia Mae Heard was born on May 2, 1929 in Camden, Alabama to the late Ed Martin and Ola Mae Fairley Martin. She is predeceased by eight brothers and sisters.

Virgia Mae received her educational training from Bethlehem Industrial Academy in Monroeville Alabama and attended Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

At an early age Virgia Mae Confessed Christ and soon thereafter joined the St. James A.M.E Church. The majority of her life was lived in Cleveland Ohio where she was a member of the St. Paul A.M.E Church where she was a member of their choir as well as an active member in the social functions of the church. Virgia Mae's first marriage was to Charles Holt and then married later in life to Cleveland Heard, both of which preceded her in death.

During life, Virgia loved to sing and enjoyed cooking. One of the many things she thoroughly enjoyed were visits from her nieces and nephews when she lived in Ohio. She was known to be a gracious and lively host who made the most of these visits from family and was known to cry whenever it was time for them to return to their respective homes. Although she never had children of her own, she was viewed as a maternal figure within her family and was never short of love and affection for all of her numerous nieces, nephews and family members.

Virgia Mae Heard's year's later in life, before her death, was a life that faced many challenges; however, earlier on, she was blessed with a quick and clever wit and a wonderful sense of humor. She was a woman who was independent and confident in the role she played on this earth and will be remembered to those she loved as well as those who loved her as a wonderful and loving human being.

Virgia Mae was called home to be with her Heavenly Father on Monday, August 1st, 2016.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Nieces: Elsie L. Pritchett, Jacqueline McMikle, Brenda V. Easton, and Celeste J. Martin. Nephews: Clarence Martin and Michael Martin as well as a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Nearer My God To Thee”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo Richard Fairley

Reflections of Life Read Silently

Choral Selection “Blessed Assurance”

The Eulogy Rev. Kenneth Clayton
St. Luke Baptist Church
Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

There's A Reason

*For every pain that we must bear
For every burden, every care
There is a reason.*

*For every grief that bows the head
For every tear drop that is shed
There is a reason.*

*For every hurt, for every plight
For every lonely, pain-racked night,
There is a reason.*

*But if we trust God, as we should
It will all turn out for our good
He knows the reason.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Virgia Mae Heard** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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