

Homegoing Celebration

for

Jean Elizabeth Waugh Grier

Sunrise: November 23, 1936 - Sunset: April 10, 2017



Service:

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH

159 E. 9th Street • Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. David Ford Sr., Pastor



Obituary

Rev. Jean Elizabeth Waugh-Grier

We know that someday our heavenly Father is going to take all those who follow him into eternal rest. He summoned Rev. Jean Elizabeth Waugh-Grier, an educator, a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother into her heavenly rest on Monday April 10, 2017 peacefully at home in Metuchen, NJ. She was born November 23, 1936 in Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, NJ, to the late James D. and Grace M. Banks Waugh. She graduated from public schools in Plainfield in 1955. After high school, she was employed at Macys's (Bamberger's) in Plainfield. She was employed at the Art Color Printing Co. Dunellen, NJ and Raritan Arsenal in Edison, NJ. She was also employed at the Edison Job Corps, as Secretary of the Chief of Counselors and at Lyons Veterans Administration, in Millington, NJ, as Secretary of the Chaplain's Office.

On May 13, 1961 she was united in marriage to Solomon Grier by Rev. Dr. A. Ross Brent, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church. From their union two children were born, a son and a daughter. She was a long time resident of Plainfield before relocating to Metuchen in 1964. She joined the New Hope Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the Rev. Joseph J. Dale. While there, she became very active in organizing and directing a teen choir. She also organized a church-bowling league, which continued for many years. She counseled a summer camp in Chesequake Park, NJ. After she later joined Shiloh Baptist Church, she had the pleasure of singing with the great writer and director, Glen Burleigh (Order My steps.) and also sang with Della Reese in the choir.

Rev. Grier was a caring and generous individual. She had a special love for her family and friends. She committed her life to God at an early age and continued on this journey throughout her life. She was an avid reader, who believed it was vital to learn something new everyday. This deep passion for learning made her a role model in her family. She began her formal education by taking courses at the Middlesex County College in Edison, NJ. After completing approximately sixty credits, she was named "Who's Who in County Colleges". Without hesitation, she transferred her credits and earned a BA from Rutgers University, New Brunswick. She did graduate work at Seton Hall University, East Orange, NJ before enrolling in Gratz College, Melrose Park, PA, where she earned a Masters in Education. She also received several certifications in religious studies from the School of Theology, at Virginia Union University and attended the New Brunswick Seminary, in New Brunswick, NJ.

Jean touched the lives of scores of children as a teacher for the Franklin Township Board of Education. After retiring, she became a substitute in the Metuchen Public School District. She also taught typing in the Piscataway Adult Night School. Jean possessed a great love of music and sang in a number of choirs over the years. She organized the Gospel Choir at Franklin High School. She was a member of the New Brunswick Choral Society, the New Jersey Choral Society, and the District Union Choir of the Middlesex Baptist Association.

Jean attended “The March on Washington,” and heard the famous “I Have A Dream” speech of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King. She also had the privilege of being invited to the White House to meet President Clinton. Over the years, her desire to travel took her to all but a few states in the United States. She traveled abroad to North and West Africa, South American, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean Islands, Hawaii, Spain, Canada, Mexico, England and many other places.

Her life’s work was quite diversified. In addition to becoming be a teacher, she was a counselor with the Literary Volunteers of NJ and was a host to children from the Fresh Air Fund for several years. She was a poll worker for many years and a volunteer hospital worker. She donated instruments to the children of Louisiana who were victims of Hurricane Katrina. Rev. Grier was an active member of St. Matthew Baptist Church in Roselle, NJ, under the pastorate of the Reverend David Ford, Sr. She sang in the church choir, taught Adult Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, directed the youth choir, chaired Women’s Day and organized the African American History for the church.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband, Rev. Solomon Grier; one son, Glen M. in Washington, DC; a daughter, Lori in North Plainfield, NJ; one brother, Marvin L. Waugh of Ashburn, Virginia; one grandson, Jamir; a granddaughter, Jazmin; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Preceding her in death were her loving parents, James D. and Grace M. Banks Waugh; three brothers, James D., Robert, Earl L., and a sister, Carol Ann Waugh-Bryant.

A Christian Mother

God gives us many gifts,
But far above any other,
The first and best He gives us
Is the gift of a Christian Mother.
Her head bows over the scriptures
Teaching children from God’s word.
Her hands are always busy
doing service for her Lord.
Whenever her children need her
They know she’s always there.
Her beauty’s in the strength of faith
That she daily finds in prayer.
Her children love and bless her,
And in their lives we see
The lessons of the Savior
That were learned at mother’s knee.

---Ramona K. Cecil



Order Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Praise “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 23 Jamir Grier

New Testament - Hebrews 4:15-16 Rev. Stephen Wilson Sr.

Prayer for Comfort Rev. Dr. Winfred J. Sanders
Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Westhampton, NJ

Musical Selection

Resolutions & Acknowledgements Deborah Hunter

Precious Memories (2 min reflections please) Glen M. Grier, other family & friends

Musical Selection

Obituary Viveca Rosser

Musical Selection

Eulogy Rev. David Ford Sr.
Pastor St. Matthew Baptist Church, Roselle, NJ

Recessional

Interment
Hillside Cemetery
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Our Family Chain is Broken

We little knew the day that God
was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but as God calls us one by one
the chain will link again.
--Ron Tranmer

We will always love you!
Solomon, Glen, Lori, Jamir & Jazmin





Special



Memories





Flower Bearers
St. Matthew Baptist Church Ushers
Family & Friends



Don't Cry

By Kathi Toups

Don't cry any more tears for me.
I am at peace. I'm finally free.
Like the eagle in the sky,
I am soaring. So, please don't cry.
I know you love me. I love you, too.
But, my time was over;
Was finally through.
I have ascended
To a better place,
Which is not confined
By time or space.
To those that loved me,
I did not fall.
I only succumbed
To a higher call.
Do not mourn me.
I am with you still.
I'll be with you always
From dawn -----until.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Jean Grier** wishes to thank you for your calls, cards, prayers, and other acts of kindness during Jean's illness. The love and sympathy you have shown our family has given us strength and comfort. We receive it with our deepest gratitude and may God continue to shower love and blessings on you.

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