



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Virginia Ragsdale

Sunrise
January 29, 1933

Sunset
June 10, 2026

Obituary

Virginia Ragsdale was born on January 29, 1933, in Lincolnton, Georgia, to her beloved parents William and Nonie Reid McMurray.

Virginia confessed Christ as her personal savior at an early age, becoming a member of the Lower Tabernacle Baptist Church of Lincolnton. In 1955, Virginia moved to New Jersey, where she joined the Calvary Baptist Church of Garfield, under the pastorate of the late Rev. Floville Albert LaGarde. She remained a faithful member under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney. In 1964 she married her late husband, Thomas Ragsdale Sr., and the two resided in Passaic, NJ. Virginia faithfully served on the Usher Board for over four decades while professionally working as a home health aide at Beth Israel Hospital. After retiring, she worked as a crossing guard for the City of Passaic.

Virginia was affectionately known for her loving, caring, and motherly nature. One of the proudest titles she ever held was "Grandma." She was a strong woman who devoted herself to her family and always knew from whence cometh her help.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Ragsdale Sr.; six siblings: brothers W.T., Johnny, William (June), Thomas, and Henry McMurray; and her sister, Rose Hambrick.

She entered eternal rest peacefully surrounded by family, on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026.

She leaves to cherish loving memories her sons, Thomas Jr. (Felicita) Ragsdale and Larry (Sandra) McMurray; her three beloved grandchildren, Alias and Elise Ragsdale and Brandon McMurray; her brother, James (Belinda) McMurray. She is also survived by a host of cousins, nephews, nieces, in-laws, and friends.

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey At Garfield

217-245 Passaic Street, Garfield, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Officiating

Order of Service

Minister John Silver, Presiding

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort #10 "O How I Love Jesus"

The Written Word Psalm 27
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Consolation #432 "I'll Fly Away"

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Recessional .

Interment

Thursday, June 18, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey

A Peaceful Journey Home

*The other day, a stranger knocked,
Upon our Mother's door.
And led her peacefully to a ship,
That sailed to another shore
Leaving our lives somewhat saddened,
Because she's gone away.
How much we all will miss her.
No words could ever say.
God was who she loved and believed in,
This we all know.
And God's love will surely keep her,
While her spirit lives on in our hearts
Rest on, dear Mother.
In God's eternal sleep.*

Forever in our hearts, submitted by the Ragsdale Family

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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