

Celebrating the Life of



Mary R. Cotton
"Rach"

Sunrise

July 11, 1928

Sunset

May 15, 2010

Service

Saturday, May 22, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

153 Lawrence Place
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Robert Russell, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Mary R. Cotton known by family as “Rach” was born in Columbia, South Carolina on July 11, 1928 to David Brannan and Maggie (Suber) Love.

She attended school in Columbia, South Carolina until moving to Paterson, NJ where she completed her education. She resided in Paterson prior to moving to Clifton, NJ several years ago.

Prior to her retirement, she was employed as a Security Guard for the Paterson Board of Education.

She was a member of New A.M.E. Zion Church for many years where she served on the Board of Stewards. She was also a former Sunday School teacher and member of the Flower Club during her earlier years in the Church. Her favorite Scripture was the 23rd Psalm, which helped to sustain her during her lengthy illness.

She was a member of Past President of the Zion Seniors and a member of AARP Chapter No. 15 and Past Chairperson of the Chapter's Membership Committee.

Rach enjoyed attending Church, being with family and friends, crossword puzzles, dining out, traveling and being active.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her son, Carl S. Johnson.

She departed this life on May 15, 2010.

She leaves to cherish her memory: son, Edward L. Cotton, Jr. (Ruby) of Paterson, NJ; daughters, Edwina Cotton Street of Selma, NC and Angie Cotton of Englewood, CA; granddaughters, Carla Garnette, Candice Cotton and Terry Cotton all of NJ and Astashia Cotton of Englewood, CA; one grandson, Edward L. Cotton, III of NJ; eight great grandchildren; special cousins, Gary Suber (Barbara) and cousins, Isaac Suber, Jr. (Julia) and Mary Tourse (Clarence); and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements
& Reflections of Life

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy *Rev. Robert Russell*

Recessional



Interment

Laurel Grove Cemetery
Totowa, 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

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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