

*Homegoing Service*  
*for*

*Deaconess*

*Virginia L. Faines*

Sunrise  
*June 18, 1936*

Sunset  
*July 5, 2010*

*Friday, July 9, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.*

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**

57-61 Fourth Street

Newark, New Jersey 07017

**Rev. David O. Carter, Pastor**

*Rev. Sherrone Ingram, Officiating*  
Bread of Life Christian Center • Irvington, NJ

# *Gravity*

*How shall we breathe  
When clouds empty?  
When the world is still,  
Without wind or rain.*

*How shall we stand  
Without gravity?  
When time is still,  
How shall seasons change?*

*When She left  
Time followed in her path.  
The seconds fled  
To a place in the sky.  
Air stopped flowing  
Buds stopped growing  
The birds abstained  
From fruit and flight.*

*Now we yearn for the wisdom of yesterday,  
For a porch of laughter and  
Children at play.*

*When will we be able to taste our tears?  
When will the seconds return to outnumber the years?*

*We seek love in the flesh of things  
But it is neither here nor there  
Nor in the in-between.*

*But yet the force at the center of family bond  
Such that when our Matriarch leaves  
We are strong.*

*We find Her love in the margins our pages.  
In our nightly prayers,  
In the pulse of our days.*

*We'll learn that love outlasts dust,  
Time and space.*

*And that Queens depart,  
But leave their grace.*

*And the Earth will one day move again.*

*First slow, and then a quicker spin*

*And there will be wind and the sweetest rain,*

*Though maybe, always there will be pain.*

*And out Matriarch's love shall course through our veins.*

*And even the seasons shall find the strength to change.*

## Obituary

Earth may weep but Heaven will rejoice over the departure of our Beloved Mother and family Matriarch, **Deaconess Virginia L. Hargrove-Faines**.

**Virginia**, affectionately known as “Duck”, was born on June 18, 1936 to the late Isaiah and Annie Lee Hargrove in Middleburg, North Carolina. She entered into eternal rest on July 5, 2010. Her warmth, compassion and angelic demeanor will be sorely missed by all who ever encountered her.

Raised in Middleburg, North Carolina, **Virginia** attended the Middleburg Elementary School and the Henderson Institute. She accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior early in life and was baptized at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Dewey, North Carolina.

In her teens, **Virginia** married her childhood sweetheart, Clarence Faines, Jr. Over the course of their forty year union, the couple was blessed with eight children, the absolute joy of their hearts.

**Virginia** and her family migrated from North Carolina to Kenilworth, New Jersey in 1956. They finally settled in Newark in 1958. In 1964, **Virginia** joined the Union Baptist Church family where she faithfully served as a devoted member of the Deaconess Board, Senior Choir, Willing Workers, Courtesy Club, Sunday School and Outreach Ministry. She was a committed and dedicated past president of the Joint Usher Board in addition to regularly attending Hampton’s Ministers Conference and Christian Education classes at the New Hope Association.

**Virginia** retired from the East Orange Nursing Home after over twenty years of service.

**Virginia** was a well rounded individual, with an insatiable appetite for knowledge. She enjoyed reading, cooking and watching TV. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and seeking the Lord's salvation through books and fervent prayer.

**Virginia** leaves to mourn: seven devoted sons, Odell Faines, Bahir Kamil, Kirk Faines, Larry Faines, Ronald "Lateef" Faines, Gregory Faines and Wyane Faines; a beloved daughter, Debra Faines-Adams; twelve grandchildren, Derek Hopson, Adiyala Faines, Shaquan Faines, Takirah Cross, Ayesha Faines, Tydera Faines-Adams, Kirk Faines, Jr., LaTasha Adams, Ahyshia Faines, Iquia Victor, Mari Faines and Kamau Faines; four great grandchildren, Ameen Faines, Amani Faines, Malakhi Cross and Kyree Cross; four daughters-in-law, Dr. Ruby Sampson-Faines, Adrienne White-Faines, Darlene Victor-Faines and Sharon Williams-Faines; a future daughter-in-law, Nicole Craig; a son-in-law, Tyrone Adams; two sisters, Christine Allen and Mary Harris (Elmo); two brothers, William Hargrove(Anna) and Leroy Hargrove (Gracie); three sisters-in-law, Lauren Hargrove, Mary Mack (Clyde) and Bonnie Faines; and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins. In addition to her church family there were numerous individuals that over the years she loved and nurtured as if they were her very own children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaiah and Annie Lee Hargrove, her husband, Clarence Faines, Jr., a sister, Brenda Hargrove, a brother, James Hargrove, Sr. and a daughter-in-law, Diana Faines.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Lawrence Paterson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament ..... LaTasha Adams

New Testament ..... Deaconess Christine Allen

Selection ..... UBC Choir

Reflections ..... Bahir Kamil

Larry Faines

Acknowledgements ..... Deaconess Sharon Shipman

Obituary ..... Debra Faines Adams

Solo ..... Sister Phyllis Salters

Eulogy ..... Rev. Mark Birdsong

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Final Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

*Graceland Cemetery  
Kenilworth, New Jersey*

Friends are invited to join the family  
for a repast back at the church.

## *Rest Thou My Mind*

Rest thou my mind in Thee, Dear Lord;  
Give to me sweet repose;  
Take weary flesh and troubles mind;  
In peace my eyelids close.

I've labored in Thy fields today,  
The harvest field to reap,  
And now in quiet evening's hour  
Give to Thy servant's sleep

I've rest in Thee, complete, secure  
For in my soul is peace,  
For Thou didst wash me clean today,  
And gave my soul release.

And now I rest in Thee alone,  
Nor darkest night would fear,  
For in the closing of my eyes,  
I know that Thou art near.

-Charles G. Ramsey

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of Deaconess Virginia Faines wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

- The Family

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