

Celebrating the Life of



*Polly Ann
(Walker) Hammond*

Sunrise Sunset
March 21, 1932 - October 7, 2010

Service

Thursday, October 14, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

GRACE BIBLE CLASS

54 Pine Street
Passaic, New Jersey

Pastor Bernard Durham, Pastor

Reflections of Life

Polly Ann (Walker) Hammond the tenth child of twelve children born to the late Lillie Bell (DeLoach) and Goins Walker, “Polly,” as she was affectionately known, was born on March 21, 1932 in Allendale, South Carolina. There, she attended school, worked on a farm, and did domestic. Later she met and married, Eugene Hammond in May of 1951. After her marriage, she and husband moved to Charlotte, North Carolina where they began their early married life. Eventually, Polly Ann migrated North to pursue better employment opportunities and to make a more comfortable life for her children, whom she lovingly called her “six roses.”

She moved to Paterson in the mid 1950’s, and in the early 1960’s, Polly moved to Passaic where, while raising her children and nurturing her family she was employed as a factory worker, a domestic worker and a health care aide. She also put her talent and skills for doing hair to excellent use. She was known for her hard, absolutely straight presses, long-lasting curls and French-braiding she was “*the beautician*” for her family and friends. Between being known for “doing hair” and talking, so very softly on and off the phone, Polly was known as the “consoler.” Her deep compassion and sensitivity caressed hearts, soothed hurts and lifted wounded spirits. She had the gift of nurturing.

Polly Ann was also well known for her soulful down-home cooking and for her start-from-scratch to-finish (fine) baking, especially those fresh coconut cakes, coconut pies and delicious sweet potato pies. She touched everything she did with love, compassion and patience. Whether she was at home with her immediate family, socializing with her extended family or friends, worshipping in church on Sunday morning or studying the Word of God at a Tuesday night Bible class, Polly was a living testimony of God’s loved. As soft spoken and gentle as she was, Polly was quick to testify and sing about the power of God’s Redemption at Christ’s Expense God’s GRACE and His gift of Jesus Christ that she knew very well. Polly loved the Lord and love to share His Word. As a devoted member of Grace Bible Class for just about fifty years, she brought her children up in the knowledge of the Grace of God. They had to attend Sunday school regularly and Tuesday night Bible class dutifully. She determined that her children too, would be centered in the Lord. Her active involvement in both the Condolence Committee and the Kitchen Committee (of Grace Bible Class) were commitments that allowed her to lovingly share her gifts. Polly Ann practiced what she believed and touched the hearts of all who crossed her path.

Polly Ann was called home to Glory early Thursday morning, October 7, 2010, after a long illness.

Polly Ann was predeceased by her second oldest grandchild, Raymond Walker.

Polly Ann Hammond will be forever loved, respected and cherished by: her children, Gladys Walker of Passaic, Eugene Hammonds, Jr. (Dorlena) of East Orange, Joyce Sheppard (Rayford) of Paterson, Patricia Hammond, Linda Linton (James) of Linden and Kim Washington (Craig) of Brick Township; her grandchildren, David Donaldson, Derrick Stone, Derrick Donaldson, Eugene Hammond, III, Stan Stanley, Princecessa Stanley, Jysheekwa Smith, Janie Holmes, James Otis Linton, Jr. and Polly Nicole Linton; her twenty-four great grandchildren; one great great grandson; her thirty-six nieces and grand nieces; her twenty-one nephews and grand nephews; her countless cousins, church family and multitude of friends.

*“Through Christ Jesus who strengthens me,
I can do all things!”*

Order of Service

- Processional “We’ve Come This Far By Faith”
- Opening Hymn “Thank You, Jesus”
- Scripture Readings
Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - Philippians 4:10-13
- Selection “Storm Of Life”
Pastor Mark Wright
- Prayer of Comfort Deacon Craig Washington
- Selection “Change”
Esther Wheeler
- Reflections of Life
& Acknowledgements Alberta Susan Wells
- Remarks Family Members
(Two Minutes Per Person)
- Selection “Walk Around Heaven”
Dawn Simpson
- Poems Irene Wheeler and
Alberta Susan Wells
- Selection “One Day At A Time”
Pastor Samuel McClary
- Words of Comfort Pastor Samuel McClary
- Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Magic of A Mother's Touch



*There's magic in
mother's touch, And
sunshine in her smile
There's love in
everything she does
To make our lives*

worthwhile We can find both love and courage

Just by looking in her eyes

Her laughter is a source of joy,

Her words are warm and wise

There is a kindness and compassion

To be found in her embrace

And we see the light of Heaven

Shining from a mother's face.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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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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