

In Loving Memory of



Martha Fletcher

Sunrise
October 19, 1930

Sunset
August 6, 2017

Service

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

Gethsemane Baptist Church

326 15th Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Kenneth Young, Sr., Officiating

Tribute to Martha Fletcher

Martha Lee McGriff Fletcher was born October 19, 1930 in Gordon, Alabama. She was the youngest of six daughters to Willie and Susie McGriff: Margie Ree (Johnson), Millie Lee (Barnes), Sarah Mae (Smith), Annie Liza (Ingram-Cook), Mary Lou (Griffin) and older sister to two brothers Roosevelt and Otis McGriff. Martha was predeceased by all of her siblings.

Martha attended and graduated from Ashford High School in 1949, after graduation she attended and graduated from Poro College of Chicago, Illinois in 1952 through an extension of the Irene Beauty School of Dothan, Alabama. She worked for the Irene Beauty School until she opened her own beauty parlor in Headland, Alabama in which she worked for several years until deciding to move to Lakewood New Jersey. After moving to Lakewood in 1954, she worked various jobs in several different dress shops. The highlight of living in Lakewood was when she met and married the love of her life Milton Fletcher Jr. In December 1956. They then moved to Newark on New Year's Day 1957 to begin their new life together. To this union they had one daughter, Rev Sonja Ann and son-in-law Rev. Kenneth Welch Jr., Four grandsons, Kenneth, Nicolas, Nathan, and Stephen. In 1963, they purchased their first home in Newark located at 86 Fairmont Ave. then in 1966 they purchased their second home in Piscataway, New Jersey.

Martha and Milton joined Gethsemane Baptist Church in 1958. Milton was placed on the deacon board and Martha a deaconess to which they both remained members until their demise. Martha continued going strong for the Lord attending Sunday school and teaching a seniors bible study at noon on Wednesday's until her health began to fail her. Throughout her years at Gethsemane, Martha worked in various ministries, including, the missionary board, choir, nurses unit, scholarship committee, and she served as president of the deaconess board for 17 years.

Martha retired from Revlon, Inc. in 1992 where she worked as a container decorator for 25 years. In more recent years, Martha became a crossing guard in her hometown and worked for several years.

Martha is blessed to have family that loves her dearly, her children, grand children and a host of nieces, nephews, and in-laws. She will be missed by all.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 40 1-4aKenneth Welch

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14..... Nathan Welch

Rev. 14:13, 21:4Nicolas Welch

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Reflections/Expressions Friends & Family

Obituary Brishauna Brown

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Kenneth Young

Selection

Recessional Clergy and Family

Entombment
Monmouth Memorial Park
Tinton Falls, New Jersey

The Broken Chain

We little knew morning, that God was going to call your name.

In life we love 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.

Author unknown

Pall Bearers

Rev. Kenneth Welch

Stephen Welch

Kenneth Welch

Michael Fletcher

Nicolas Welch

Charles Ingram

Nathan Welch

Acknowledgement

The family wishes 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.

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