

The Celebration of Life
of



Bessie Richardson

October 20, 1942 - March 10, 2018



**Service:
Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.**

**TRINITY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD AND CHRIST
115 Greenwood Avenue • Montclair, New Jersey**

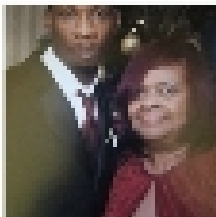
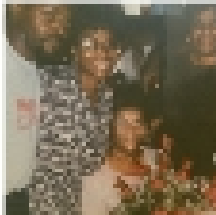
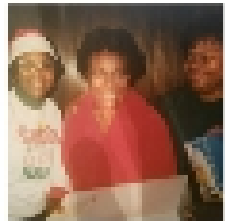
Dedicated to Grandma

Undeniable

You were undeniable in every sense of the word.
Your strength could move mountains,
You tackled any obstacle that occurred.
Your passion was so powerful,
A woman of Christ and a certain creed.
Your voice although soft, spoke volumes indeed.
You were the matriarch of our family,
The anchor that held everything down.
There was so much joy and happiness,
Whenever you were around.
Your presence was warm and filled with so much love.
I'll always remember your infectious smile,
I know you're looking down with from above.



We may have lost you, but you will never be gone.
The memories will never fade,
Your spirit will forever live on.
It's hard right now without you but I know that you're at peace.
I'll see you again one day,
In the Holy land we'll meet.
This painful separation might keep us apart,
But you will always be an undeniable inspiration in our hearts.
Love, Tasia



Obituary

On Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 6:45 pm at Saint Michael's Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, God sent one of his angels to call **Bessie Richardson** from her labor to her reward.

Bessie Mae Bowler (aka Bess) was born October 20, 1942 to the late Edward and Carrie Bowler in Kannapolis, North Carolina. The family migrated from North Carolina to Montclair, New Jersey, where she received her former education throughout the Montclair Public School System.

As the oldest and at a young age, Bess developed protective and nurturing characteristics while overseeing her siblings. She also developed strong work ethics because she wanted her own money to buy the things she wanted, because 'money was very scarce in those days'.

Bess with her strong exterior was swept off her feet with the smooth talk of Bernard Richardson and they later married.

Bess had an innate gift of caring for others...she held various jobs during her life. She worked at the Overbrook Asylum in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, where she realized her life's purpose was caring for others. In the early 1960's Bess received formal training for this field by enrolling in the Nurses' Aide Program at the Mountainside Hospital in Glenridge, New Jersey – where she worked for 37 years. She was affectionately know as "Richie" here. Her love and compassion for others was not limited to her patients, she also represented her fellow employees as a Union Delegate in Local 1199 of Newark, New Jersey until she retired.

The scripture of "train up a child in the way it should go when old will not depart" came to reality when Bess felt the void in spite of being in crowds. Bess started attending Trinity Temple Church Of God In Christ, where she grew spiritually under the leadership of Pastor, Bishop Norman Prescott. Bess was a faithful member of her church. She sang on the Senior Choir after it was re-established under

the leadership of Sis. Verla Brown. After Sis. Brown relocated and the choir was dissolved, Bess was approached by Sis. Verna Dowdy to become a member of the Trinity Temple Usher Board. Ushering became a passion of Bess, where she served diligently in that position for many years. As a result of her faithfulness, Bess was appointed President and later was elevated to serve as Jurisdictional Usher Board President of the New Jersey Third Jurisdiction until she was no longer able to serve.

Bess loved spending time with family as well as reading, listening to music, “oldie but goodies” and “spirituals”, cooking and can’t forget, watching her “soaps” (Bold and The Beautiful and The Young and The Restless)...”Can’t talk right now, watching my soaps, will call you back later!” At family gatherings whether it was barbeques or family style dinners Bess was known for her potato salad, cornbread and (we must not forget) the sweet potatoes along with sharing stories from back in the day.

Bess leaves to mourn her daughter, Carmella Bowler, Montclair, NJ; Lisa Hicks (Derrick), Elizabeth, NJ; son, Brian Hicks, Orange, NJ; sister, Macie Bowler, Montclair, NJ; brothers, James Bowler, Montclair, NJ and Abdullah (Rasheda) Bowler, Montclair, NJ; grandchildren, Tasia, Nadirah, Daleysia, Dorian and Shanise - who she raised from birth.

Bess has joined in eternity her parents, Edward and Carrie Bowler, son Kevin Bowler, daughters Jenise Bowler and Doreen Watts, brothers, Edward Bowler, Jr and Charles Bowler.

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty. In this everlasting light.

All the pain and suffering is over, Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.

The Family!

Order of Service

Officiant - Elder Tyrone Hulin, Pastor

Musical Prelude.....Elder Christopher Cummings

Processional

Period Of Visitation

Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer Of Comfort..... Superintendent: Jeffrey Parks

Scripture:

Old Testament: Psalm 23 Deacon Paul Goodwyn

New Testament: II Timothy 4:7-8..... Deacon Edward Watson

Solo.....Brother Romel Fairley

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE.....(2 Minutes)

Mother Mattie Haley
Mother Louise Thompson
Kidada Denson
Brother James Frazier
Brother Wesley Murphy

Congregational Song..... Sister Joann Fairley

Acknowledgements/Obituary.....Evangelist Esme’ M. Prescott

Solo.....Brother William Fairley

Eulogy..... Bishop Norman L. Prescott, Sr. Pastor

Recessional

INTERMENT
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

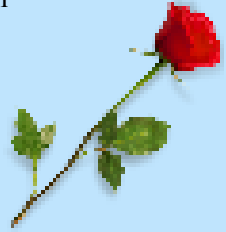
*Repast following the interment
in the Fellowship Hall of the church.*

G is for a Generous Soul
R is for a Righteous woman
A is for an angel we gained
N is for Nice
D is for the delight she brought to our lives
M is for a Magnificent woman
A is for an Amazing woman

W is for a Wisdom imparted
E is for Ever in our hearts

L is for the Love you gave us
O is for being Original
V is for being a Valuable to us
E is for Endless love

Y is for Young at heart
O is for On the money
U is for being Understanding



Acknowledgement

The family of **Bessie Richardson** gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during this time of bereavement.
May God continue to richly bless you!

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