

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Bessie Jean Lowry, smiling and wearing glasses and a black jacket. She is surrounded by white tulips and red roses. The text is overlaid on the image.

In Loving Memory of

Bessie Jean Lowry

Sunrise: February 6, 1935

Sunset: December 9, 2018

Service

Saturday, December 15, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

GETHSEMANE GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

223 E. 7th Street • New York, NY 10009

Obituary

Bessie Jean Lowry departed this life on December 9, 2018. She was born to the late Odell Jackson Ellison on February 6, 1935. She was born in Tampa, Florida, but was raised in Sylvester, Georgia. She moved to New York in her younger years where she met her late husband, Joseph Lowry.

Bessie worked in the healthcare profession at Bellevue Hospital where she retired from, but Bessie didn't stop there, she did personal care until the day she became ill. She was very active in the church, she was on the Usher Board and the President of Pastor's

Aide Committee. Bessie was one you could count on for anything and did it with a smile. "Auntie Jean" was loved by everyone.

She leaves to mourn: one sister, Hazel Ellison; three children, Tyrone Maurice Marshall, Clara Gwenell Billingsley (Luke), and Keith Lowry; seventeen grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; six sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Bessie (Auntie Jean) will be missed.



Order of Service

The Organ Prelude.....Sister Spencer

The Processional.....Reverend Keels

The Prayer of Consolation

Choir

The Reading of the Holy Scripture

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo.....Sister Gibson

The Acknowledgements

Special Reflections (Two Minutes Please)

Reading of the Obituary (Read Silently)

Choir

The Eulogy.....Reverend Earlean Oliver

The Committal.....Pastor

The Benediction.....Reverend Earlean Oliver

The Recessional.....GCBCC

Interment

*Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey*

The Repast will be following the burial at church.

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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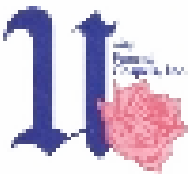
We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all. Our family would like to thank each and everyone of you for the calls, cards, especially the prayers, and the love that has been shown to our family.

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