

*Celebrating the Life and Legacy  
of*

*Mother*

*Ruthie*

*Mae*

*Towler*

**Sunrise:**  
**March 17, 1939**

**Sunset**  
**March 17, 2019**

**Service**

**Monday, March 25, 2019 ~ 6:00 pm**

**First Baptist Church**

**929 Dill Avenue**

**Linden, New Jersey 07036**

**Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Officiating**

**Bishop Tony McNeill, Eulogist**



# *Life Reflections*



*Mother Ruthie Mae Towler* was born on March 17, 1939 in Washington, District of Columbia, daughter of the late Andrew and Treny Franklin. Ruthie graduated from Fairmont Heights Senior High School in 1956. She was a member of the Majorette Squad and the head of the Abstract Painting Classes. Her beauty led her to become the May Queen of the “May Day Parade” and was involved in the National programs, Creative Arts and Gifted and Talented activities.

She was a Seamstress who showed ladies how to sew and make garments. Ruthie was an inspiration to young ladies and grown women. She set examples on how to be a godly and talented woman.

She began her Christian experience at Emmanuel Tabernacle Assembly of God as Head of the Usher Board and Women’s Outreach Ministries for over 20 years. Ruthie served at Faith Fellowship Ministries World Outreach Center under the late Rev. David T. Demola as an Altar Prayer Counselor and Prayer Warrior for 10 years. Ruthie became involved musically and spiritually at the Covenant Christian Ministries under Pastor Lestor and Lynda Blunt and Victory Fellowship Ministries under Pastor Michael Fitch, Sr. as the Praise and Worship Leader. Ruthie ended her spiritual journey at Praise Temple Church under Bishop Tony McNeill.

Ruthie was a naturally beautiful woman with her own beautiful long hair. She was a great cook and was famous for her potato salad, yams and sweet potato pudding with marshmallows. Ruthie’s favorite color is green. As her request, “my family better make me proud and shine in green.”

She was predeceased by; four brothers: Andrew Jr, Terry, Levi and Raymond.

Ruthie was the mother of five children: the late Hugh Gregory Potts, Sr. (Gina), Duane Eddie Potts, Bishop Andrew Harold Potts, Sr. (Dr. Tyniah), the late Thomas Lamont Towler (Pamela), and one beautiful daughter, Faith Grace Towler-Perkins (Tyrone); two sisters: Treny “Peaches” Franklin (Sunny) and Fern Rena Franklin; one brother, Reverend Joseph Franklin (Linda); 8 grandchildren: Captain Hugh Potts, Jr., Andrew Potts, Jr., Tyler Potts, Joy Bianca Potts, Sherice Coty, Vaughan Potts, Devrin Donaldson and the late Tamara Ebony Towler; 5 great-grandchildren: Brooklyn Lyric Potts, Bryanajah Potts, Tyler Potts, Jr, Aniyah Potts and Alaina Potts; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and special friends: Sis. Arlene Carolina, Mother Anita Gregory, Mother Maimee Kearny and the late Mother Jones better known as the “Black Golden Girls.”

*As we celebrate the life and the legacy of our beloved Mother Ruthie Mae Towler.*

*Let’s remember her last words:*

*“Don’t cry for me. I’m where I wanna be. God and my boys called me home.*

*Why? ‘Cause I reached my 80!!”*

# *Order Of Service*

**Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Officiating  
Pastor Jerry Williams, Organist**

**Processional.....Clergy and Family**

**Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop A. B. Dixon  
Renewed Mind Ministries, TX**

## **Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Pastor Michael Fitch, Sr.**

**New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58.....Pastor Ernest Vaughan**

**Solo.....Evangelist Mary Edwards  
Healing From Heaven Church, NY**

**Expressions of Comfort.....Clergy**

**Special Solo.....“Take me to the King”.....Rev. Josette Franklin, niece**

**Resolutions and Reading of the Obituary.....Rev. Linda Franklin, niece**

**Poem.....Evangelist Joy Bianca Potts, granddaughter**

**Family Reflections.....Rev. Joseph Franklin, brother**

**Sermonic Solo and Remarks.....Bishop Andrew H. Potts, Sr., son**

**Eulogy.....Bishop Tony McNeill  
Praise Temple Church, Linden, NJ**

**Closing Remarks.....Faith Towler-Perkins, daughter**

**Recessional.....“May Each Day”.....Andy Williams**

**Committal**

## **Pallbearers**

**Family and Friends of **Mother Ruthie Mae Towler****

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# *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me*

*I wish you wouldn't cry the way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We did not get to say*

*I know how much you love me as much as I love you  
Each time that you think of me  
I know you will miss me too*

*When tomorrow starts without me please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand*

*The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above  
And that I would have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love*

*But when I walked through Heaven's Gates  
I felt so much at home  
When GOD looked down and smiled at me  
From his golden throne*

*He said This Is Eternity and All I promised you  
Today for life on earth is done  
But here it starts a new*

*I promise no tomorrow  
For today will always last  
And since each day's the exact same way  
There is no longing for the past*

*So When Tomorrow starts without me  
Do not think we're apart for every time you think of me  
Remember I'm right here in your heart*



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mother Ruthie Mae Towler** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.