

*In Loving Memory of*



*Ellene Rooks*

*Sunrise*  
*September 5, 1938*

*Sunset*  
*September 28, 2019*

*Service*  
*Monday, October 7, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.*

**CONGREGATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
399 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

### *"Asleep In Jesus Blessed Asleep"*

On September 5, 1938 in the city of Macclenny, Florida a child was born. The proud parents of that child were Lewis Moore Sr. and Jessie Mae Mitchell-Moore. They named that baby girl Ellene.

Ellene nurtured her foundation of God and family from large family community in which she was reared. Her love of God came from her mother's devotion to the family church - Allen Chapel AME Church - where she and her siblings learned the lessons of Christ or they lost their way. At the time of her home-going she was a member of the Congregational Baptist Church.

She attended public schools in Macclenny and Lake City Florida. After graduation from Lake City High School, she later moved to Dade City Florida where she met and married William Rooks Sr. who preceded her in death. Ellene then made her home in St Petersburg Florida before becoming a permanent resident of Newark New Jersey. In Newark, her first employment was Van Ness Plastic and Moulding. However, she later took a position at Catholic Community Service where she worked for 35 years. She was also co-owner of a Soul Food restaurant where her cooking was exceptional. Many have sat at her table and enjoyed various soul food dishes. Her cooking was a labor of love. Ellene had a reputation for delicious Sunday dinners as well as her favorite, Thanksgiving Dinner.

Ellene's footprints through her life will be remembered by those she leaves behind to mourn; Six Children - Frankie J. McFadden, William Rooks Jr., Renee Rooks, Cynthia D. Rooks, Tammy Rooks, and Wanda Rooks. In addition, her sons Derrick Hughes, Jermaine Hughes and Nakia Anderson. Her next important step in life was earning the title "Grandmother," starting with the birth Sherrece Rooks and continued with love and nurturing of the next 12 grandchildren. The next step earned was that of "Great Grandmother" starting with the birth of Shakira Rooks and continued love and nurturing of the next 11 great grandchildren. She gave them the same foundation that her mother gave her children, one of faith, family and love.

Also left to mourn are what she often called her foundation of Friendship, Love and Family, her siblings; Geraldine Harris, Benjamin Moore, Lafrancis Walker, Dora Widemond, Alphonso Moore, Napoleon Moore, Earnest Chestnut, Lawrence Moore, Gwendolyn Moore and Leonard Moore (Willie Mae). Siblings preceded her in death: Lewis Moore Jr., Frank Moore, Alvin Moore, Albert Moore, Barbara J. Davis And Valarie Jackson. Her foundation also includes footprints that will be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She will be loving missed by her children, family and friends whose footprints have crossed her path. We pray that she's never forgotten.

## *Order of Service*

Processional .....Family & Friends

Selection .....Sister Walker

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament (Proverbs 3:1-6).....Pastor William Staton

New Testament (John 14:1-6).....Pastor William Staton

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Tasha Dixon

Poem.....Reneè Rooks

Remarks.....(1 minute each please)

Acknowledgements & Obituary.....Beverly Levy

Selection.....Pastor William Staton

Eulogy.....Pastor Linwood McNeil

Recessional.....Family & Friends

### **INTERMENT**

Rosemont Memorial Park  
1109 Neck Lane,  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

**Repast**  
**Congregational Baptist Church**  
**399 Bergen Street**  
**Newark, NJ 07103**

## *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*

### **Pallbearers**

Leonard Moore	Napoleon Moore
Alphonso Moore	William L Rooks, Jr.
Earnest Chestnut	Derrick Hughes

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Ellene Rooks** would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation all of the kindness extended to them during this time of our bereavement. May God in his mercy bless all of you for your prayers, kindness, thoughtfulness, concerns and support in this time of mourning.

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