

*In Loving Memory of*



*Fannie Olivia Mercer*

*Sunrise*  
*October 20, 1942*

*Sunset*  
*November 10, 2019*

Service

*Saturday, November 16, 2019 • 9:00 a.m.*

**NEW LIFE BIBLE FAMILY CHURCH**  
302 Chancellor Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

# Obituary



Fannie Olivia Mercer was born October 20, 1942, to parents, James Cox and Sudie Mercer in Edgecomb County, North Carolina. She departed this life on Sunday, November 10th, 2019. She was a loving and devoted mother to her only son, Terrance M. Douglas.

Fannie was one of four children, two brothers Darryl and Skip Strickland and one sister Emma Dean Pippen (predeceased). After graduating from George Washington Carver High School in Edgecomb County, North Carolina in 1962, Fannie briefly lived in Washington, D.C. before later moving to Newark, New Jersey in 1965 and making that her home.

In the mid 1970's Fannie became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Organization. Her interest also included: Needle point, visiting Casinos and traveling. And each year she

continued to travel back home to North Carolina and stayed with her loving cousin Geneva Bathon.

Fannie worked for KuLite Manufacturing Company in Leonia, New Jersey for Forty-Nine (49) years and received awards and recognition for her dedicated and loyal work ethics on her job.

Fannie leaves to cherish her memory her beloved son, Terrance M. Douglas; daughter-in-law, Torretta Douglas; one Aunt Ms. Sally Dickens (Tarboro, North Carolina); two brothers, Darryl Strickland Wife (Kathy) of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, James (Skip) Strickland wife (Marilyn) of New Port News, Virginia; one niece, Denise Mercer. Additionally, her step children, Kirk Douglas (Seattle Wa.), Victoria Douglas (Newark, NJ) Deidre Dawkins (Henry) Simpsonville, South Carolina Felecia (Fee) Alexander (Alabama) who affectionately called her "Fannie Annie", and one Godson, Roderick Whipple who affectionately called her "Queen" and Mr. Ernest Hicks, Ms. Betty McFadden, and Karen Williams. She also leaves to cherish her memory her precious grandchildren, Justin T. Douglas and Ty' Asia Z. Douglas; as well as a host of loving relatives and friends the names are endless that all loved Fannie.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 - Deacon Glen Reed*

*New Testament: 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Pastor Kelvin Reed*

Prayer of Comfort

*Pastor Paula Ford*

Selection

Remarks

*(Two minutes each please)*

Acknowledgements

Obituary

*(Read Silently)*

Poem Reading

Selection

Eulogy

*Pastor Tyrone Sharpe, Sr.*

Committal

Recessional

*Clergy and Family*

## **INTERMENT**

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

***Immediately following the Interment family and friends  
are invited for a repast in the church fellowship hall.***



## *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*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Fannie Olivia Mercer** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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