

A LIFE WELL-LIVED

A life well lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace,
From someone who has made our world
A brighter, better place

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure,
A living, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family, (sons) of Leola G. Scott would like to express
Their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many acts
Of kindness during their time of bereavement.
May God bless you all for your concern.

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In Loving Memory of



Leola G. Scott

Sunrise
March 14, 1930

Sunset
January 22, 2021

Service
Friday, January 29, 2021- 9:30 AM

Nesbitt Funeral Home
165 Madison Avenue • Elizabeth, NJ 07201
Rev. R. Lenton Buffalo Jr. Officiating

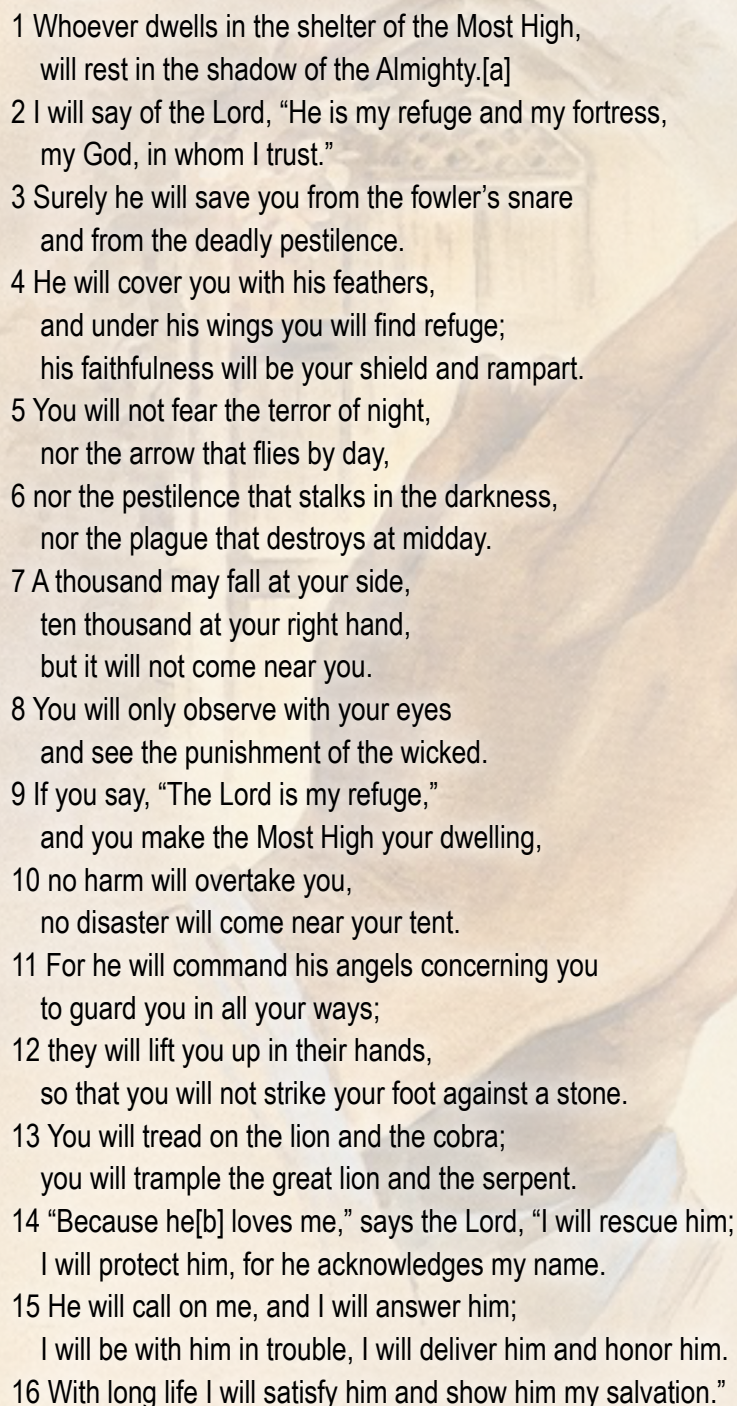


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Psalm 91

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- 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High,
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.[a]
- 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
- 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- 9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
10 no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
12 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
- 14 "Because he[b] loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Order of Service

The Organ Prelude Holy, Holy, Holy" - Belinda D. Smiley
Minister of Music, The Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ

The Words of Assurance Pastor Buffalo

The Hymn of Assurance "Only What You Do For Christ Will Last"
Belinda D. Smiley

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 24:1-8 The Minister

New Testament – 1 John 4:7-10 The Minister

The Prayer of Comfort The Minister

The Hymn of Comfort "Come Ye Disconsolate"
The Congregation

The Obituary (read silently) (Abide With Me)
The Congregation

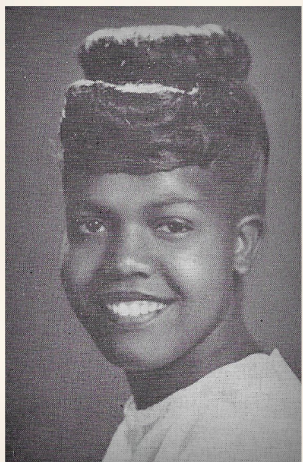
The Hymn of Preparation "Amazing Grace"
The Congregation

The Gospel Message R. Lenton Buffalo, Jr., Pastor
The Union Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ

The Hymn of Departure "Total Praise"

The Tolling of the Bell Spring Banks, President
The Union Baptist Church Bell Choir

The Recession.....(Lift Every Voice) The Congregation



Leola Gertrude Turner Scott was born one of two children to the late Madeline Taylor and Claude Turner, on March 14, in Roselle, New Jersey.

Upon her mother's death in 1937, she relocated to Burkeville, Virginia, to be raised by her maternal grandparents, Dolly and Samuel Taylor, and her mother's eleven siblings. In 1938 she returned to Elizabeth, New Jersey, to be with her father and was raised by her paternal grandparents, Thomas and Gertrude Turner.

Her formal education began at Elijah Boudinot School #9 and then at Winfield Scott School #2. Afterward, her middle school years were at Lafayette Jr. High School and then on to Battin High School, where she graduated in 1948. Upon graduation from high school, she began night classes at New York University, studying musical conducting while working during the day. Ultimately, she left her studies to become employed full-time at Schering Plough Corporation in the Quality Control Testing Laboratories.

Leola began studying piano in 1940. In 1948, as she became a more accomplished musician, she began her classical training with Professor Albert Tillery of Newark, NJ. Battin High School also nurtured Leola's musical talents as a pianist and xylophonist. However Union Baptist Church was her spiritual and musical home for the arc of her life.

Leola was baptized at Union Baptist Church in 1939, where her grandmother, Gertrude Turner, was an active member and head of the committee which purchased the Hammond organ, which still sits in the sanctuary of Union Baptist Church today. Leola began formerly playing the organ and piano at Union at the young age of twelve.

Leola was formerly married to Gordon Scott, Sr., also of Elizabeth, and from that union, two sons were born, Gordon and Darryl, who were the pride and joy of her life. While raising her sons, Leola worked at Levy Brothers Department Store, first in the gloves department and then as the store's accounting cashier from 1970 until 1974. In 1974 she left Levy Brothers to join the Elizabethtown Gas Company where she worked in the accounting department until her retirement in 1995.

During her eighty plus years as a Union Baptist Church member, Leola participated in various ministries and fellowships, such as the Intermediate Choir, Junior Usher Board, youth news bulletin, The Union Baptist Scroll, Sunday school participant and teacher, various committees, and even as Women Day Chairperson. Many will remember Sister Scott's generosity in volunteering her time and talent, offering piano lessons to Union members, culminating in musical recitals. We will miss her love of and commitment to the Senior Choir, the Combined Choir, and Handbell Choir, along with her regular presence at Bible Study and her humble service as a Deaconess at Union Baptist Church.

Leola was also a fierce and determined woman in every part of her life. Her love of life, her children, community, church, and being with others brought her profound joy that you saw in her smile, heard in her laughter, and experienced in her random and intentional acts of kindness. Guided by her deep sense of social justice and fairness, Leola was also very engaged in her local community. She was a regular member of her community group, acting as recording secretary, meeting with local politicians and law enforcement to encourage community development and safety. She actively supported education initiatives and local school reforms and participated in any endeavor that improved children's circumstances. Influenced by her admiration of her former pastor of Union Baptist Church, A. Alexander Lewis, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through both her church and community, Leola became involved in the civil rights movement activities in the 1950s and '60s and throughout her daily life as a citizen and person of faith.

Deaconess Scott is predeceased by her parents, her brother, Michael, who died during infancy and numerous other relatives and dear friends she cared for in sickness. She leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory, her devoted and loving sons Gordon and Darryl, other cherished family members, dear, faithful, and lifelong friends, colleagues and co-workers, along with her Elizabeth community and the members and associates of her beloved Union Baptist Church. Leola was a lovely lady, a wise woman who had a generous heart, a beautiful smile, with a wickedly fun sense of humor. Remember her with joy and laughter!

