

## Order of Service

Processional – Clergy and Family

Solo - Nancy Salters

Old Testament – Deacon Issac F. Talley

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

New Testament – Larry Durham Jr.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Prayer – Rev. Robert M. Tolson

Solo “I Won’t Complain–Minister Derrick Thompson

Acknowledgements, Resolutions, Letters, etc. – Melany Thomas

Words of Comfort – Elder Leon Thompson, Sr.

Obituary – Sharell McLaughlin

Solo “Walk Around Heaven” – Renee Desarno

Eulogy – Pastor Jeffrey Bryan

Recessional

### Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

792 E Edgar Rd - Linden, NJ 07036

### **REPAST**

Zion Temple, First Pentecostal Church of America

31 E. 18th St.

Linden, New Jersey 07036

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Services Entrusted To:

**G. G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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Roselle, New Jersey 07203  
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*“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”*

## **A LETTER FROM HEAVEN**

When tomorrow starts without me

And I'm not there to see;

If the sun should rise and find your eyes

All filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry

The way you did today;

While thinking of the many things

We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me

As much as I love you;

And each time that you think of me,

I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,

Don't think we're far apart

For every time you think of me,

I'm right here in your heart.

### *Pallbearers*

Curtis O. Durham

Jamil A. Williams

Walter L. Durham III

De'Shawn I. Durham

Frederick E. Durham Jr.

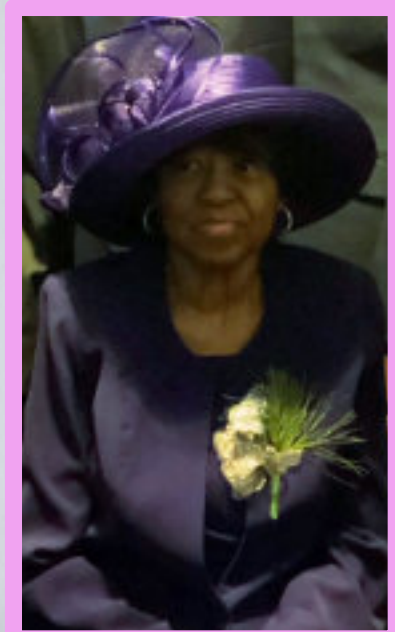
Gene Mehkai-Levance Durham

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Marion Durham** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God richly bless you.



## *Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life of Marion Joyce Durham*



Sunrise  
May 14, 1947

Sunset  
September 12, 2021

### Service

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - 9:00 am

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey

*Rev. Jeffrey Bryant, Pastor*



# *Life Reflections*

Marion Joyce Seward Durham was born on May 14, 1947 in Warren County, North Carolina, daughter of the late Indianna Kersey Seward and Jake Seward.

Marion was raised as a Christian and God-fearing woman who knew and loved the Lord. As an early adolescent, Marion was baptized at Bethlehem Christian Church in Mason, NC. As it seemed to be a tradition amongst her siblings and family, Marion was given the nickname of “Foot”. Though she was the baby of fourteen children and had overly protective brothers and sisters, Marion made sure her presence was known. In her early childhood and teenage years, Marion was described as tomboy – she would skip rocks, play baseball and wrestle. She was educated in the Warren County Public School System and graduated on June 5, 1965.

Marion met the love of her life, Walter Lee Durham Sr. and was joined in holy matrimony on July 2, 1967. They were blessed with seven children: Elvira, Anthony, Walter Jr, Frederick, Cory, Curtis, and Joanna.

In 1970, Walter and Marion moved to New Jersey to establish a new life together. During her work-life, Marion had several occupations. Marion was a certified GNA at Patient Care in Cranford, NJ. Also, Marion enjoyed working alongside her husband as a host while Walter drove charter bus. However, when her husband and her decided for her to become a stay-at-home mom, Marion discovered the career that was most important and dear to her heart which was being a childcare provider in her neighborhood. For over 40 years, Marion cared for many children and affectionately became known as “Momma Durham”. Marion displayed talent through her skills with sewing, baking and cooking. She was known for selling dinners and her German Chocolate Cake and Meatballs was often requested. Marion would love to make pear preserves and would give them out as gifts during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Marion was a loving, generous, and empathetic woman who spent majority of her time caring for her family; her family was her MAIN priority. When she became a grandmother, Marion

consumed herself with her grandchildren, she would provide childcare, transport them to and from sports’ practice, pick them up from school if they were sick but overall, shower them with her presence and love. In her pastime, she loved to listen to gospel music. Marion also loved to watch tv and could be caught watching one of three things – the news, her game shows or baseball; the New York Yankees was her team despite her husband being a New York Mets fan.

On Sunday, September 12, 2021, Marion Joyce Seward Durham departed this earthly life at Hackensack Meridian Health JFK University Medical Center in Edison, NJ. In addition to the love of her life, Walter Lee Durham Sr., Marion was predeceased by her daughter, Elvira Taylor McKnight; eight brothers: Pete Seward, David Seward, Peter Seward, Moses Seward, Willie Seward, Calvin Seward, John Seward, and James Seward & four sisters: Carrie Lee Mayfield, Lucy Haskins, Mary Marrow, and Gustavia Talley.

Marion leaves to cherish with fond memories, five sons: Anthony Russell Sr. (Alesia) of Stafford, VA, Walter Lee Durham Jr. (Stacise) of Linden, NJ, Frederick Durham Sr. (Leigh) of Middletown, DE, Cory Durham (Kimberley) of Linden, NJ and Curtis Durham of Upper Marlboro, MD; one daughter, Joanna Durham of Middletown, DE; one brother: Matthew Seward Sr. (Frances) of Henderson, NC.; twenty grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law: Issac Talley; six sisters-in-law: Helen Durham, Lucy Durham, Leila Brown, Vivian Joseph, Alberta Jefferson and Vernetta Durham; two family close friends: Miguel Pereya, and Cedric Addison; two children she loved as her own: Lenard Robinson and Pia Edwards & a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

## *“Together Again”*



## *Precious Memories*