

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, wavy white hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a dark blue top. A bright, glowing white halo surrounds her head. The background is a dramatic sky with blue, orange, and white clouds. In the bottom corners, there are white doves in flight.

HONORING THE LIFE OF

Martha Jane Fitzpatrick

Sunrise
June 15, 1940

Sunset
March 15, 2023

Service
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.

The Humanity Baptist Church

235 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Obituary

Martha Jane Fitzpatrick was born June 15, 1940, in Geneva, Alabama, to the late Mittie and Daniel W. Sconiers.

Martha married the late Charles Fitzpatrick on July 23, 1960. To this union, ten children were born. She was baptized on September 10, 1966, and was received into the church fellowship by the Trinity Temple Seventh Day Adventist on October 22, 1966.

Martha attended Geneva Riverside High School in Alabama and furthered her education in Newark, NJ, where she received her GED. She worked for UMDNJ (WIC program) from early 1979 thru 2006 (27 outstanding years) until her retirement. She was a dedicated and outstanding worker receiving various promotions and awards throughout her tenure.

Martha, also known as (Polly) was a longstanding dedicated parishioner of Humanity Baptist Church. She was faithful and a loyal servant of the Lord. She was a devoted Sunday School attendee, Choir Member, Baptism Leader, and Missionary Ministry. She also supported many of the early outreach summer programs (breakfast, lunch, thrift shop, block parties, and child/youth getaways) under the late Rev. S.W. Simmons. Martha was always ready and willing to lend a helpful hand.

Martha had many interests. She loved reading the bible, gardening, watching religious programs, traveling, sports, game shows, kung fu movies, putting puzzles together, cooking, sewing, the Olympics, and counseling/talking. She was a very polite woman with many views and was always ready for the debate(s). Spending time with her family and friends was the highlight of her days.

Martha also knew how to enjoy life as she traveled over the years. Every summer, she would spend 6-8 weeks with her oldest daughter, which she called her summer getaways, enjoying all the pampering she received, and when returning home, she was well rested, revived, and ready to take us on. One of her biggest adventures was her trip to Jerusalem.

Martha was a woman with principles and always stuck with them. She was dedicated and committed to doing the utmost for her children. She was a woman of peace and harmony, filled with humor. She was very kind and generous. She was always showing her motherhood to us all. She was a firm believer in Christ and was ready whenever the Lord wanted her home.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Charles W. Fitzpatrick (Spouse Cynthia) (NJ); Doris I. Johnson (Spouse Stacy - deceased) (NC); Craig D. Fitzpatrick (Spouse Vickie) (NJ); Marsha Flournoy (Spouse Kevin) (NJ); Marvin Fitzpatrick (Spouse Sharon) (NJ); James A. Fitzpatrick (deceased); Millicent Johnson (Spouse Michael) (GA); Claxton E. Fitzpatrick (Spouse Cheryl - deceased) (SC); Adrean Blake (deceased & spouse Larry); Marcus A. Fitzpatrick (NJ).

She also leaves to cherish her memory her siblings, Iona Phillips (deceased); Leona Lee Lampley (VA); Effie Owens (deceased); Daniel W. Sconiers Jr. (NJ); Arthur W. Sconiers (deceased); Anzella Stephens (FL); Naomi Shumaker (deceased); Clarence Sconiers (deceased); Millie Ray (FL); Luke Sconiers (FL); And a host of other relatives and friends.

Martha was an angel, the best mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. She made sacrifices for her family, and she will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to know and love her.

**Loving Submitted
The Family**

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional *Clergy and Family*

Solo – Sending Up My Timber..... *Tyrone White*

Scripture – Psalm 90: 1-10 (Old Testament) *Clariss Flourney*

Prayer Of Comfort.....*Rev. Maurice Brown*

Scripture – John 14: 1-6 (New Testament)..... *Ibn Johnson*

Solo – His Eye Is On The Sparrow *Eleanor Andrews*

Reading *Michael Johnson*

Acknowledgments*Daime Parker*

Obituary.....*Aysia Blake*

Remarks Of Comfort..... *Limit to Two Minutes*

Poem*Cynthia Fitzpatrick*

Family Reflections..... *Leona Lampley*

Millie Ray

Marvin Fitzpatrick

Solo – Walk Around Heaven..... *Tyrone White*

Eulogy *Rev. Robert L. DeVeaux*

Recessional.....*Clergy and Family*

Pallbearers
(Sons and Grandsons)

Interment
Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue,
Newark, New Jersey 07107

Repost
Galloping Hill Caterers
1085 Galloping Hill Road
Union, New Jersey 07083

In Loving Memory of Our Beautiful Mother

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be.
So, He put His arms around you
And He whispered, "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes, we watched you.
We watched you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He chose to take the best.
It's lonesome here without you
We miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same
Since you have gone away.
When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper
"Cheer Up and Carry On"
Each time we see your picture
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's hands
We'll meet again someday!"

Acknowledgements

The family of Martha J. Fitzpatrick would like to thank you very much for the cards, flowers & kind expressions of sympathy shown following her sad passing. Your support to this difficult time was very much appreciated and of great comfort to all the family.

May God bless you and keep you.

Submitted by: The Family

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