

Homegoing Service

Celebrating
THE
Life
OF

Lenora Tolbert

Sunrise:
February 10, 1945

Sunset:
March 22, 2023

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Rev. John H. Gamble Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Lenora was born on February 10, 1945 to the late Lenzy and Ada Petford in Newark, NJ. She was the second child born of five from this union.

Lenora grew up in the Ironbound section in Newark. She attended Wilson Avenue Elementary School and East Side High in Newark, NJ.

She joined and was baptized by the late Rev. Albert B. Wright, pastor of the New St. Paul Baptist Church, Newark, NJ. As an adult she joined Symrna Missionary Baptist Church under the Founder and Pastor Rev. Felton La Marr, now pastoring for 20 years. Rev. John H. Gamble, Jr. due to her illness and long family care prevented her attending on regular basis.

Lenora was preceded in death by her husband Jesse Tolbert, two brothers Lenzy L. Petford, Ronald Petford, and one sister Isadora Simpson.

Lenora leaves to heavily mourn, her only surviving sibling Barbara Lacy; two sons, Karl Petford Sr. (Pauline Lynch), Anthony Tolbert (Tyheisha Benoit); three grandsons, Karl Petford Jr., Tyriq Tolbert, and Olander Lynch; one granddaughter, Tanajah Benoit; four great-grandchildren Amiyah Petford, Omavi, Anyisa and Orion Lynch; one sister-in-law, Carmella Petford; (care giving nieces) Andrea Lacy-Wilson and La Saunia Simpson, Roxanne and T Petford; two nephews Denard and Ronald Petford; and a host of other relatives and friends. Lenora will be missed by us all.

Our family motto - "A family that prays together stays together."

Order of Service

Processional - Family

Prayer of Comfort - Rev. John H. Gamble, Jr.

Scripture Reading - Minister David Witherspoon

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection - Yulanda Benoit

Obituary and Acknowledgements - La Saunia Simpson

Resolution - Smyrna

Selection

Reflections (2 Minutes Please) Family and Friends

Eulogy - John H. Gamble, Jr.

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, NJ

Repast

Brookside Community Room
777 Springdale Ave., East Orange, NJ

Mother In Heaven

If Roses grow in Heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it everyday,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

Acknowledgement

Sister Lacy and family would like to thank Pastor Gamble, Jr., Minister Witherspoon and all who helped us through this difficult time. Your calls, prayers, cards, donations or whatever you did, didn't go unnoticed. We will personally acknowledge you at a later time. God bless you all.

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