



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
 To be a happy one,
 I'd like to leave an afterglow
 Of smiles when day is done.
 I'd like to leave an echo
 Whispering softly down the ways,
 Of happy times and laughing times
 And bright and sunny days.
 I'd like the tears of those who grieve
 To dry before the sun
 Of happy memories that I leave behind,
 When the day is done.
 -Helen Lowrie Marshall*

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
 the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
 to their family during this hour of bereavement.
 May God Bless and Keep You!*

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*Celebrating
 the Life
 of*

**Margaret
 C. MONTFORD**

Sunrise
 July 27, 1941

Sunset
 March 30, 2025

Funeral:
 Sunday, April 6, 2025
 4pm

Shiloh Baptist Church
 515 West 4th Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060
 Rev. Dr. Danielle L. Brown, Senior Pastor



Order of Service

The Clergy Procession and Entrance Sentences

Final Viewing and The Sealing of the Beir ... (Family and Clergy Only)

The Prayer Of Invocation, Thanksgiving & Comfort

The Hymn of Faith..... “Blessed Assurance”

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
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Praising my Savior all the day long
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The Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament - Psalm 23

The New Testament- John 14: 1-6

The Litany

Liturgist: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are they that mourn

4 are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 Liturgist: Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7 Liturgist: Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 People: Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Liturgist: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

10 People: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Liturgist: Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

All: Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Ministry of Music

The Silent Reading of the Obituary

The Video Tribute

Words of Comfort

Community Leslie Anderson

Family David Clark
Kent Montford

Church

Ministry of Music

The Eulogy

The Commendation and Passing of Peace

The Benediction

The Recessional Hymn “Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Monday, April 7, 2025 - 9 am

Hillside Cemetery

1401 Woodland Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ

Obituary

Margaret C. Montford, a cherished mother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on March 30, 2025, at the age of 83, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Margaret was raised in Plainfield, New Jersey—affectionately known as “The Queen City”—where she developed a deep connection to her community. She was a proud 1959 graduate of Plainfield High School, and remained a passionate advocate for her hometown throughout her life. Whether engaging with City Hall or Public Works, she spoke up with both gratitude and determination, ensuring her voice made a difference.

Margaret was the daughter of the late Earl E. Sr. and Abbie Lee Clark.

She was predeceased by her sister, Mamie (Ronald), and her brothers, Earl E. Jr., Ronald, and Michael.

A woman of remarkable dedication and work ethic, Margaret built an esteemed career in administration. She served as an Executive Administrator at Ortho Diagnostic for a decade before taking on a leadership role as a Clerical Support Manager at AT&T, where she worked for 18 years. She later brought her expertise and organizational talents to IEEE, serving as a Meeting Planning Support Administrator for 10 years. Throughout her career, she earned the respect and admiration of colleagues who respected her warmth, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Faith was the cornerstone of Margaret’s life. Margaret accepted Christ at an early age. A devoted member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield for over 70 years, she found joy and purpose in worship, service, and fellowship. She was a beacon of wisdom and kindness, touching the lives of many through her involvement in numerous ministries. Whether serving on the Security Team, traveling with the Travel Ministry, spreading warmth with the Cordials, or giving back through The Lord’s Kitchen, Margaret’s presence was always felt as a source of love and encouragement.

Her devotion extended beyond the church walls and into the heart of the Plainfield community. She selflessly volunteered her time with the City’s Beautification Committee, the Plainfield High School Booster Club, and The Metronomes, Inc. Margaret was a mentor to many, always offering a helping hand, an open heart, and a word of encouragement to those in need.

Margaret found immense joy in life’s simple pleasures. An avid bowler, she competed in several area leagues, often excelling and earning trips through her passion for the sport. She also took great pride in her backyard garden, lovingly referred to as “my farmhouse,” where she cultivated both plants and beautiful memories.

Above all, Margaret’s greatest love was her family. She was their rock, their guiding light, and their greatest cheerleader. Family gatherings were the heartbeat of her life, with Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Easter, and summer cookouts in her backyard bringing everyone together in love and laughter.

Margaret leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and service. She is survived by her devoted only son, Kent Montford (Songa) of Monroe Township; her dear siblings, Joyce Clark-Cabbell of Edison, David Clark of Plainfield, and Jeffrey Clark of Keansburg; as well as a host of beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Margaret’s life was one well lived, full of love, purpose, and unwavering faith. She will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know her.