

In Loving Memory of

Sunrise
August 4, 1920

Sunset
October 17, 2010



Cornelia "Connie" Pope
"Khitten"

Monday, October 25, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Spring Street
Patterson, New Jersey

Rev. Caffie J. Risher, Officiating
George Garrison, Organist

Obituary

Cornelia Lethia Pope was born the third of seven children on August 4, 1920 in Bishopville, South Carolina to the late Noah and Bessie Perkins. She returned to God's loving arms on Sunday, October 17, 2010.

"Connie" as she was affectionately called by her family and friends received her formal education in Montgomery, West Virginia. She received Christ in her life in 1938 at the First Baptist Church in Mount Carbon, West Virginia. In 1940, Connie graduated from Simmons High School in Montgomery, West Virginia. In 1945, she migrated to Passaic, NJ. Always one who loved music, she sang in her beautiful soprano voice with the Margarie Melody Singers of Passaic, NJ during the years of the mid to late 1940's. Connie was a founding member of the Solid Rock Baptist Church in 1947. While always singing on the senior choir she worked tirelessly in various capacities in the church throughout the years. She would work with anyone with a smile and do whatever was called for.

In 1955, she wed her beloved Booker T. Pope, of this union three children were born, Mzuri (Lorraine), Gregory and Richard. Motherhood brought joy to her life and her devotion to her children knew no bounds. In 1968, Connie began a work career at North Jersey Training School where she worked until she retired in 1985. She also worked for Presto Lock, Garfield. The arrival of her first grandchild in 1985 marked a new beginning in her life. Her grandchildren as she said "make my life complete". She devoted the greater part of her retirement years to mentor them. One of her favorite things to do was to encourage people especially young people to believe in themselves and to "reach for the stars using God as the guide". She loved to see young people get off to a good start in life but she never gave up hope on anyone. Connie believed strongly in the value of education as a tool for advancement. With a desire to become a better public speaker and always willing to lead by example, at the age of seventy-five years she enrolled at Passaic County Community College and completed courses in English and public speaking.

Connie loved to cook and always looked for reasons to prepare special dinners. She loved freely, laughed heartily and shared gladly.

In 2005, she relocated to Orlando, Florida where she became a member in good standing of the New Covenant Baptist Church in Orlando, FL, shortly thereafter relocating again to Hollywood, FL. She became a member in good standing of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Hallandale, FL.

During her years living in Florida she spent much of her time and energy being a stalwart supporter of her daughter's entertainment/activist career.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Booker T. Pope, three brothers, Hazelee Perkins, Noah Perkins, Jr. and Isaac Isom Perkins.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Mzuri Moyo (Lorraine), Gregory Pope and Richard Pope; one daughter-in-law, Betty A. Pope; two grandchildren, Malcolm Pope and Monica Pope; two sisters, Elizabeth Thompson and Edith Alexander; one brother-in-law, David Alexander; one sister-in-law, Annie Ruth King; two god children, Cassandra Risher and Gail Allen; three special friends, Leroy Curry, Katie Curry and Frances Baxter; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Order of Worship

Processional of Family	Rev. Caffie J. Risher
Invocation	Rev. Caffie J. Risher
Opening Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”
The Scriptures	Minister Sharon Ridley
Old Testament Reading - Psalms 23	
New Testament Reading - St. John 14:1-6	
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Cassandra Spencer
Solo	Sister Denise King
Resolutions & Acknowledgements	
Solo	Brother Bunny Siegler
Expressions	
Solo	“The Impossible Dream” by Mzuri Moyo (daughter)
Obituary	
Solo	“Still I Rise” by Mzuri Moyo (daughter)
The Eulogy	Rev. Caffie J. Risher
Closing Hymn	“Victory is Mine!”
Committal/Benediction	Rev. Caffie J. Risher

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Change of Address

Please be advised that I have moved. I received a call the other day from God. Jesus informed that my new home was completed. I knew that my mansion needed some finishing touches and that The Father God had to inspect it and give me the final approval.

On Sunday, October 17, 2010, He let me know that my mansion was finally completed and I could move in right away.

He told me to go ahead and change my address. Let me tell you that my new home is finished and what a sight to behold. It is located on an exclusive estate area behind the pearly gates and surrounded by a beautiful lake, it's beautiful. I couldn't believe it until this moment that now I am also proudly and happily living in heaven.

It is truly an honor to be back together again with my family and friends, for I have missed them more than words can ever express. Oh Father what a heavenly and joyous day this truly is. As you know the roads are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday, just like you have been told. The trees of fruit grace my garden here and I can walk and talk with my Master without any worries or cares.

So don't worry about me. I am fine. I am home now. "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I have returned. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

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