

*Home Going Celebration
For*



Albertha Mayes

Sunrise
August 20, 1942

Sunset
February 18, 2011

Service

Friday, February 25, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating
Donald Mann, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Solo *“The Work I’ve Done Speaks For Me”*

Eulogy *Rev. Alfred Steele*
Pastor, Seminary Baptist Church • Paterson, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Saturday, February 26, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

A Life Well Lived

Albertha (Harrison) Mayes, affectionately known as “Ms. Berta” and “Mom” was granted her angel wings on February 18, 2011 with her family by her side. Albertha was born on August 20, 1942 in Cades, SC to the late Lucille Harrison and Roland Graham.

Albertha attended the Lake City, South Carolina School system before relocating to Paterson, NJ in 1958 where she lived a full and wonderful life. Upon Albertha arriving in Paterson, she obtained employment as a Domestic Laborer for the owner of a local newspaper. She often told fond memories of being taught to drive a car by the owner’s sons, who were not much younger than herself and the beauty of the neighborhoods.

Albertha was employed at Keystone Camera Company in Clifton, NJ where she worked from 1973 - 1979. She then obtained a position with Springfield Instruments where she worked from 1979 - 2002, when the business was relocated overseas. At the time of her passing, she was employed at Paterson Public School #30 as a Food Service Attendant where she made sure that all of her “babies” received a nourishing meal.

As a young girl, Albertha accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour and became a member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church in Lake City, SC. Whenever she visited South Carolina, it was important to her to visit the church, however in New Jersey she was an active member of Seminary Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ where she served on the Nurses Board.

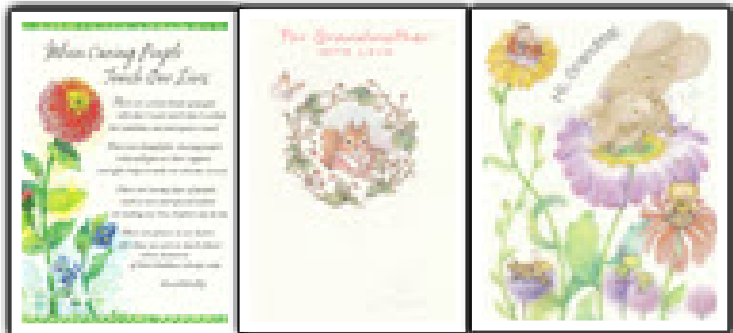
Albertha was a devoted caregiver to family members, (especially her grandchildren) and neighborhood children, alike. She constantly devoted her time and energy into their lives, encouraging them to be the best that they could be. Berta was a kind hearted and compassionate soul who offered advice and love to all she came into contact with.

“No, I’m not their mother, but my role is just as strong. I nurture them and keep them safe, though maybe not for long. I know someday the time will come, when we will have to part, but I know each child I cared for, is forever in my heart.”

She considered her fondest assets the birthday and mother’s day cards which she received from her kids and grandkids. She treasured them like semi-precious stones.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Moore; brother, Fred Harrison; grandson, Daron Mayes and one brother-in-law, Tony Singletary, who passed away on February 7, 2011

Albertha was united in holy matrimony to Robert Mayes, Sr. in 1965. She leaves to cherish and honor her memory: her husband, Robert Mayes, Sr.; five children, Carolyn Harrison, Robert, Jr. (Annette), Margaret (Ervin) Green, Teresa (Frank) Reynolds and Rebecca Mayes; fifteen grandchildren, Alexis, Dominique, Jalik, Brandon, Devonte, Rickya, Rhosheen, Jasmine, Fahnier, Tiyana, Saada, Nadrin, Lionel, Quetta and Li’nayja; four sisters, Ruth Brown of Sebring, FL, Sandra Harrison of Paterson, NJ, Janice (Harvey) Singletary of Lake City, SC, Donna Singletary of Lake City, SC; one brother, Larry (Norine) Andrews of Virginia; one special and loving auntie, Marguerite Harrison of Lake City, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, devoted friends and concerned neighbors.



***Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
love leaves a memory no one can steal.***

If tears could build a stairway,
And memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to Heaven
And bring you home again.

~Your loving husband

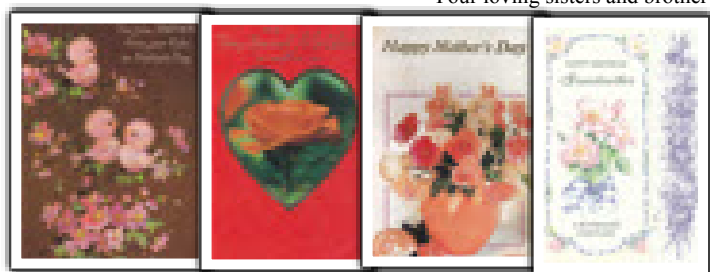
A Beautiful Angel

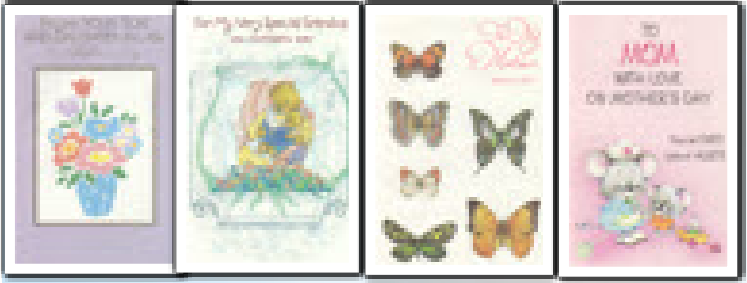
*A beautiful angel is all that is here
Saying O'Lord please leave me here
Not ready to leave but has to go
Wants to go back but God says no
Husband and Children
Grandchildren and friends
A meaningful life that suddenly ends
An angel is what she was meant to be
Now think of all that she can see
Watching over her family night and day
Saying I love you in her own special way
In the night we sleep and in the day we cry
While she watches us all from her star in the sky*

~Your loving grandchildren

Our sister knew her purpose in life
And valued her worth
She was more than just a sister
And daughter
She was more than just a mother
And a wife
She was more than just a friend
Her value far out weighed any diamonds or gold
Our sister was one of life's treasures
Indeed one of this world's most leading ladies
Your hard work has paid off
And your storm is over
Rest in peace
You are forever loved and missed

~Your loving sisters and brother



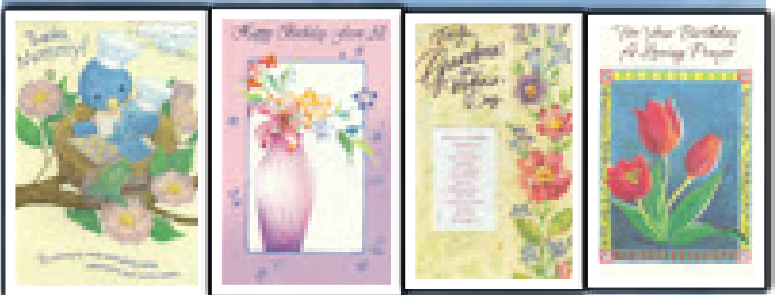


That Wonderful Mother of Mine

*The moon never beams without bringing me dreams
Of that wonderful mother of mine.
The birds never sing but a message they bring
Of that wonderful mother of mine.
Just bring back the time, that was so sweet to me,
Just to bring back the days, when I sat on her knee.
You are a wonderful mother, dear old Mother of mine.
You'll hold a spot down deep in my heart,
'Till the stars no longer shine.
Your soul shall live on forever,
On through the fields of time.
For there'll never be another to me,
Like that wonderful Mother of mine.
I pray ev'ry night to our Father above,
For that wonderful mother of mine.
I ask Him to keep her as long as He can
That wonderful mother of mine.
There are treasures on earth, that made life seem worthwhile,
But there's none can compare to my mother's smile.
You are a wonderful mother, dear old Mother of mine.
You'll hold a spot down deep in my heart,
'Till the stars no longer shine.
Your soul shall live on forever,
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For there'll never be another to me,
Like that wonderful Mother of mine.*

~Cyde Hager~

Your loving children, Carolyn, Robert, Margaret, Teresa and Rebecca



To My Loved Ones

No reason for sorrow, no reason to cry. Look toward tomorrow and I'll tell you why my memories of you and yours of me are filled with love and laughter forever. You'll see no reason to worry, nor question God as to why you have lost me. No reason to say goodbye.

It's time for my journey home, a beautiful and peaceful trip that I must make alone. So just be strong and keep a smile, we'll only be apart for a little while. The love I've known is a very special part, the love I've shown came straight from the heart.

I leave you now to go on my way to a wonderful place where we'll be together someday. No reason at all as you can see. I'm with my Lord. He'll take care of me.

Flower Bearers

Friends of Family

Pall Bearers

Members of Seminary Baptist Church

In Appreciation

It is difficult to find words to express how thankful we are for your expression of love to our family during our loved one's sudden passing.

Albertha will live on in our hearts forever.

Warm regards,

The Family of the late, Albertha Mayes.

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