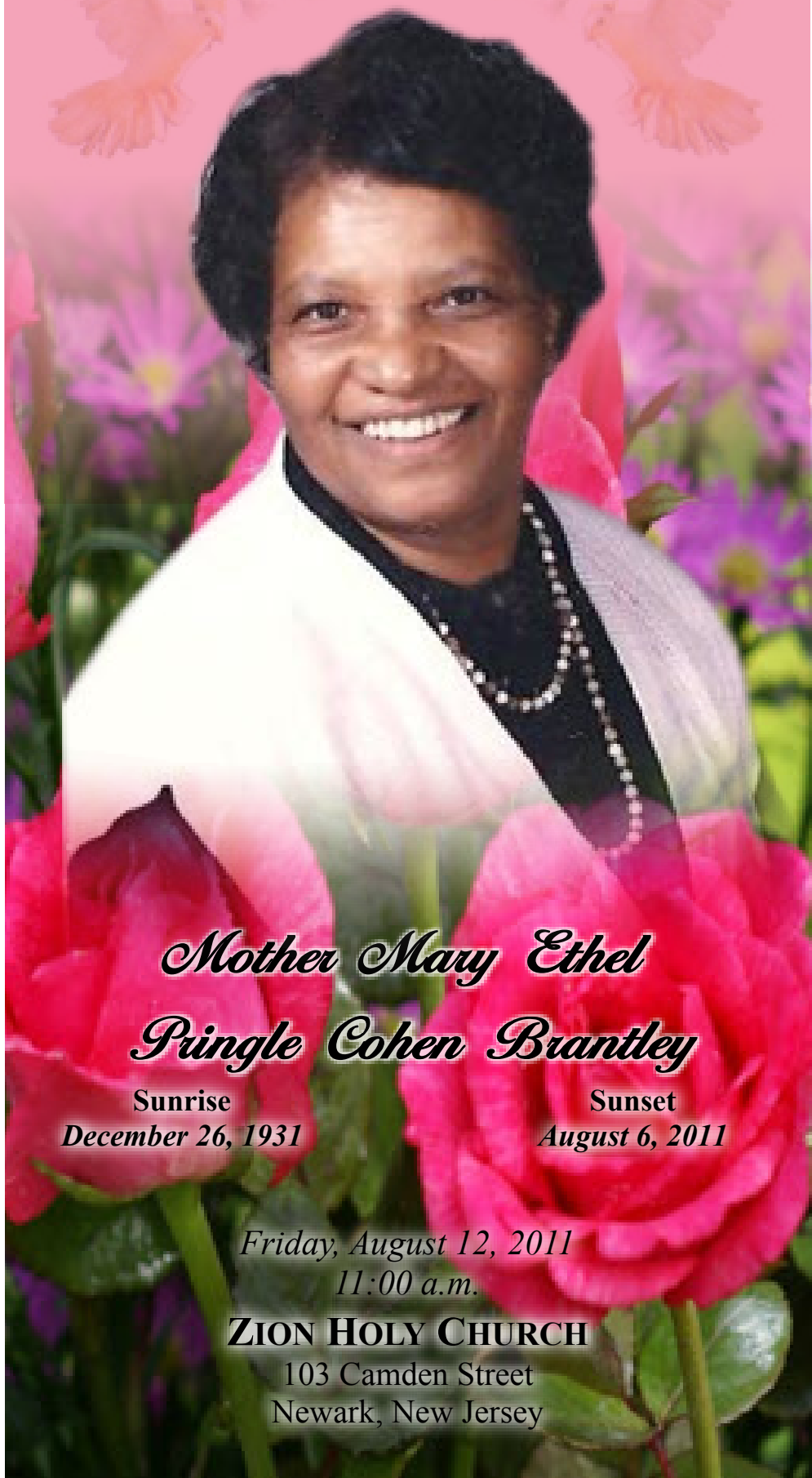


Homegoing Services for



*Mother Mary Ethel
Pringle Cohen Brantley*

Sunrise
December 26, 1931

Sunset
August 6, 2011

*Friday, August 12, 2011
11:00 a.m.*

ZION HOLY CHURCH

103 Camden Street
Newark, New Jersey

Precious Memories

“ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Revelations 21:4



Obituary

“For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course and I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:5-7

HER STORY

Mary Ethel Pringle Cohen Brantley, affectionately known as Ethel, daughter of the late Annie Mae Smith Gordon and the late Lavin Pringle, was born on December 26, 1931 in Estill, South Carolina. She departed this life on August 6, 2011 at the Cornell Hall Nursing Home, Union, New Jersey.

Mary attended school in Estill, South Carolina, where she was a basketball player for her school team for which she was very **“proud”**. At an early age, she joined Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Pineland, SC. She underwent a religious experience and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. At St. Paul F.B.H. Church, Newark, NJ, she renewed her covenant with God and was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She served in many capacities at the Church; as a licensed Missionary, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent. She always offered a helping hand to anyone in need and visited the sick and shut-in and was a true Nursing Home Evangelist.

Mary met and was united in holy matrimony to the late Arthur Lee Cohen and out of this union eight children were born; five boys and three girls. In 1953 they relocated to Newark, NJ. Suddenly and tragically on December 14, 1964 Arthur Lee departed this life.

Mary’s doors were always open to family and friends with food and shelter. She was affectionately known as “Mama.”

Determined to be the best “Mother” she could be, she focused her time with her two sons, Frederick and Leonard’s activities who are now **“Men.”** She was a “Den Mother” for the Cub Scouts, Den 2 Pack 185.

In 1965, Mary began a career with the Newark Pre-School Council as a volunteer. After earning her bachelor’s degree from William Paterson College, she became a Head Teacher for the Council until her retirement. She also volunteered for Tri-City, where she mentored young female adolescents.

In January of 1994, she married Deacon David Brantley. She moved her membership from Ark of Safety Faith Center, Irvington, NJ, where she was a founding pillar of the ministry to Zion Holy Church, Newark, NJ, where she served on the Missionary and Mother Boards.

Precious memories will forever linger in the hearts of her loving husband, David Brantley of Hillside, NJ; her devoted children, the late Arthur Cohen, Mary Bundy Lucas (Stephen) of Roswell, GA, Curtis Cohen of East Orange, Jennievese Cohen of Newark; Dianne Cohen (Willie Heard) of Scotch Plains, NJ, Frederick Cohen (Juanita Savage), Leonard Cohen (Helen) of Philadelphia, PA and Bartholomew Cohen (Pamela Ross) of East Orange, NJ; her beloved sisters, Lula Jenkins of Pineland, SC, Janet Short and Meppie Long (Spencer) of Gainesville, FL, predeceased by her brothers, John Wade Pringle and Samuel Gordon; and her stepchildren, the late Joyce House (Lionel), Davlean Porterfield (the late Rudolph), Clarence "Pete" Brantley(Linda), Randolph "Randy" Brantley (Pam), and Rudolph "Rudy" Brantley (Cynthia); a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



Order of Service

OFFICIATING *Rev. Dr. Richard Spaulding, Pastor
Ark of Safety Faith Center*

PROCESSIONAL *Clergy and Family*

OPENING HYMN *Zion Holy Church Mass Choir*

PRAYER OF COMFORT *Bishop Shammah Womack-El, Pastor
Temple of Radiant Light*

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT - PROVERBS 31: 10, 25-31

NEW TESTAMENT- ROMANS 8: 28-33

SELECTION *Pastor Asaph Womack*

TRIBUTE TO A MOTHER AND MISSIONARY

Deacon Lacy Brunson

DEACON BOARD

Trustee William Mosley

TRUSTEE BOARD

Mother Mary Nickelson

MOTHER BOARD

Mother Flossie Cohen

MISSIONARY BOARD

Minister Jerry Canon

Minister Laura Miles

Evangelist Earlene Evans

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

SELECTION *Zion Holy Church Mass Choir*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CARDS *Ciara Cohen
Lynette Cohen
Granddaughters*

OBITUARY *Princess Heard
Granddaughter*

SELECTION *Zion Holy Church Mass Choir*

FAMILY TRIBUTES *Melody Bundy
Granddaughter
Clarence Brantley
Stepson
Tobica Williams
Niece*

SELECTION *Minister Kisha Cohen*

EULOGY *Elder Clarence Wright, Pastor
Zion Holy Church*

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT

Fairmount Cemetery

620 Central Avenue

Newark, NJ 07107

THE REPAST

The family of Mary Ethel Pringle Cohen Brantley

will receive relatives and friends at

Bella Casa 2 Acme St., Belleville, NJ 07109

May I Go Now?

by Susan A. Jackson

*May I Go? May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say good-bye to pain-filled days
and endless lonely nights?*

*I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.*

*I want to go. I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day,*

*To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and so afraid,
because I see your tears.*

*I'll not be far, I promise that,
and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you,
wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too.
That's why it's hard to say good-bye
and end this life with you.*

*So hold me now, just one more time
and let me hear you say,
because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.*

PALL BEARERS

Joseph Mayers, Grandson

Willie Heard, Grandson

Joseph Mayers, Jr., Great-grandson

Andre Leverett, Godson

Thomas Edwards, Grandson

Bartholomew Cohen, Grandson

Craig Austin, Godson

Justice Cohen, Grandson

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

Thank You

We, the family of Mary Ethel Pringle Cohen Brantley acknowledges with deep and sincere gratitude the many expressions of love and support during her illness and death of our loved one. The prayers rendered, your visits, telephone calls, and cards have been a source of comfort during this time. May God bless and keep you!

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