

Homegoing Celebration for

Margaret Lee Parham-Draper

Sunrise

September 13, 1925

Sunset

December 24, 2011

Service

Thursday, January 5th, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

CONVENT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

420 West 145th Street

New York, NY 10031

Rev. Dr. Jesse T. Williams, Jr., Pastor

Rev. Booker T. Morgan, Officiating

Prof. Gregory H. Hopkins, Organist

Reflections of Life

Margaret Lee Draper quietly departed this life on Saturday, December 24, 2011 at Schervier Nursing Home Bronx, New York. Margaret Lee Draper was born on September 13, 1925 in Emporia, VA to the late Hester and Lewis Parham, she was the youngest daughter.

Margaret was educated in Bridgeport, Conn. and continued her education at Empire State College and graduated at the age of seventy with her Bachelors of Science degree. She joined Covent Avenue Baptist Church over twenty years ago, where she was heavily active as a Sunday school teacher for the Class A5 and also a member of the former Progressive Club which is now the Progressive Ministry. A few years later she became the President of the Club. She loved what she did for her church.

Margaret leaves to cherish her memories: four daughters, Najiyah Aleem (Abdul) NC, Norma Milner, MD, Cheryl Lee Draper, GA, and Mali Petite (William) of Pound Ridge, NY; one son, Roland Parham, PA. She is predeceased by daughters, Roselyn Parham, Mary Ann Draper and two sisters, Louise Belcher and Elizabeth Langston. She is also survived by twelve grandchildren, Vallerie, Raquel, Richard, Monika, Reggie, Amir, Omari, Cairi, Neoka, Netikka, Nina and Don; nineteen great-grandchildren, Jamaal, Davante, Lance, Shannette, Debonair, Amir, Vincent, Nasir, Jyaire, Marcus, Mya, Jaden, Quanita, Shajan, Anthony, Jevon, August, Morgan and Yoshua; two great-great grandchildren, Justin and Jahiem; one niece, Joanne Knox; four nephews, John Rashied, Presiding Elder Reverend Frederick D. Belcher, Alfred and Bernard Belcher; and a host of cousins, friends and her Covent Avenue Baptist Church family.

Lovingly Submitted

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Opening Sentences Rev. Booker T. Morgan

Congregational Hymn “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer Rev. Booker T. Morgan

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Isaiah 55:6-13

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-7

Selection “We Come This Far By Faith”

Acknowledgements Church, Family and Friends

Selection “Soon And Very Soon”

Obituary Read in Silence

Selection “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Eulogy Rev. Booker T. Morgan
Associate Minister Convent Avenue Baptist Church

Selection “Amazing Grace”

Final Viewing

Recessional “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

(please turn on headlights and hazards for cemetery procession.)

TO THOSE I LOVED AND THOSE WHO LOVE ME

When I am gone, release me let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You must not tie yourself to me with tears.

I gave you my love you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time for me to travel alone. Grieve awhile for me if you must, but let your grief be comforted in trust. It's only for a time that we must part, so bless the memories with all your hearts.

I won't be far away, for life goes on and if you need me call me and I will be there. Though you won't be able to see or touch me, I will be near and if you listen with your heart you will feel my love surround you. An though you must travel this way alone, I will greet you with a smile and say Welcome Home!

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of **Margaret Lee Parham-Draper** wishes to express thanks and our deep appreciation for the expressions of love and condolences rendered during the illness and passing of our loved one. We will forever remember your kindness and generosity, please keep us in your prayers. May our Lord, Jesus the Christ continue to bless you.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:

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