

*A Celebration Of
Life For*



Della

Parker-

Gray

1928 - 2012

Saturday, May 26, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

224 West Kinney Street

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Officiating



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Reflections of Life

Della Parker-Gray was born on December 26, 1928 to the late James and Lena Barden in Chinquapin, NC. Della was one of eleven children.

She departed this life after a long and trying illness spending the last few months at Country Arch Care Center in Pittstown, NJ.

She received her education in Duplin County School System, NC.

Della and the late Leonard Parker began their journey to NJ sixty-two years ago blessing them with two children, son the late Lenwood Parker (Bones) and daughter, Jacquelyn Madden.

Her Christian upbringing blessed her to find a home at Abyssinian Baptist Church in 1950 to present. "A devoted mother a rose remembered always open, always blooming, always giving with love."

Della was known for making everyone feel at home. A caring smile, a big heart for family and friends and a sophisticated shopper.

A dedicated worker with the Lord's blessing her to be employed at several companies Gubert Plastic, Wiss and Sons, Bristol Meyers, and the Newark Board of Education, Della was also active in politics, she enjoyed working the polls at election time.

Della is survived by her husband, John Gray; daughter, Jacquelyn Madden; son-in-law; Glen Madden; grandsons, Arrandondo Madden and Kameron (Davelle) Madden; great-grandsons, Kameron Madden Jr. and Daven Madden; god-daughter, Della Barden; sisters, Maebell Cullins, Virginia Johnson, Leona Mack, Agnes Bennett and Lucille Pickett; oldest niece, Annie Tyler; oldest nephew, Francis (Milton) Crawford; and a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Lenwood Parker (Bones), brothers, James S. Barden, Jeremiah Barden and Hezekiah Barden and sisters, Hermina Crawford and Marie Felder.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Obituary

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons

Recessional

Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park

East Hanover, New Jersey

Just Sleeping

*Now the Laborer's task is over;
Now the battle day is past;
Now upon the farther shores
Lands the voyager at last.*

*There the tears of earth are dried;
There it's hidden things are clear;
The work of life is tried
By a greater judge than here.*

*Earth to earth and dust to dust;
Calmly now the words we say;
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the resurrection day.*

*Father, in thy gracious keeping,
Leave me now thy Servant sleeping.*

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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