


Celebrating the Life of
Harriet Elizabeth Goodman

October 23, 1946 - May 24, 2012

A portrait of Harriet Elizabeth Goodman, a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a patterned cardigan over a dark turtleneck. The portrait is set against a light, warm-toned background with faint floral patterns. The text is overlaid on the bottom portion of the portrait.

Thursday, May 31, 2012 - 12:00 Noon
ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

336 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

The Reverend Reginald T. Jackson, Pastor

Obituary

Harriet Elizabeth Vinson Goodman was born on October 23, 1946 and was the child of the late Walter and Lizzie Vinson of Woodland, North Carolina. At the age of three she was adopted by the late Mayland and Arnita Ward. She attended the public schools in Woodland and later came to New Jersey in 1965.

Upon coming to New Jersey as a young woman, she worked as a sleep-in maid and in a toy factory. Later, she began working in nursing homes and hospitals as a nurse's aide. She loved this work and continued her career in this area until recent years until she retired for health reasons.

She married the late Ray C. Glover and joined St. Matthew AME Church. However, in 2000, she married the love of her life, Robert Goodman, Jr.

Harriet leaves to mourn her loving husband, Robert; four step-children, Clarence, Walter, Demetra Glover and Brenda Mitchell all of North Carolina; three devoted sisters, Maxine Gatling and Carrie Ward of North Carolina and Jean Garden-er of South Carolina; three brothers, John Vinson of Rochester, NY and George Vinson and wife, Rosemary of Poughkeepsie, NY and William Vinson of Richmond, VA; a mother-in-law, Cremo Goodman; five brothers-in-law, and two sisters-in-law; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

And to her friends, especially Rosalind, her best friend and nurse, Christine, and Fannie "Skip", she thanks you so much for your love, support, and believing in her as a person.

If I walk in the pathway of duty, if I work till the close of the day, I shall see the great King in His beauty, when I've gone the last mile of the way.

Order of Service

Processional *Clergy & Family*

Hymn of Comfort *“Blessed Assurance” - Combined Choir*

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-12

New Testament - I Corinthians 15:-51-58

Selection *“His Eye Is One The Sparrow”*

Remarks *Michael Brown*
Christine Alexander

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Obituary

Solo *“Precious Lord” - Tyrone Dunlap*

Eulogy *Pastor Jackson*

Recessional *Clergy & Family*

Cremation

Private

Repast

***Following the interment family and friends are invited for
a repast in the church fellowship hall.***

To Those I Love

By: Isla Paschal Richardson

If I should ever leave you whom I love
To go along the Silent Way... grieve not.
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
Of me as if I were beside you there.
(I'd come...I'd come, could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)
And when you hear a song or see a bird
I loved, please do not let the thought of me
be sad... For I am loving you just as
I always have...

You were so good to me!
There are so many things I wanted still
To do...so many things to say to you...
Remember that I did not fear...It was
Just leaving you that was so hard to face.
We cannot see Beyond...But this I know:
I loved you so... 'twas heaven here with you!

Acknowledgements

*Grateful for the richness of her life.
The kindness of her heart and the love of her friends.
The family of **Harriet Goodman** thanks you for all the
Compassion and concern shown to us during her illness.
May the Good Lord, who has welcomed Harriet
bless you and your family.*

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