

*The Celebration of Life for*

**Sunrise**

*February 10, 1935*

**Sunset**

*May 23, 2012*

A portrait of Margarine Rivers, an elderly woman with short, dark, wavy hair, wearing glasses and a black top. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a soft, light-colored fabric.

*Margarine Rivers*

*Thursday, May 31, 2012 - 12:00 noon*

**GOOD NEWS SOUNDS OF PENTECOST MINISTRIES**

455 South. 10th Street • Newark, NJ

*Daryl Alexander, Officiating*

## Obituary

*Margarine Rivers'* mission is completed, her journey is over. Margarine peacefully departed this life on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, NJ. She went home to be with the Lord. Margarine was born on February 10, 1935 in Clanton, Alabama to the late Harvey Floyd and Mattie Harris. At an early age her family moved to Pensacola, Florida and then made her final stop in Newark, NJ in the mid 60's.

*Margarine* was the proud mother of three children; Glen Truesdale, the late Melvin Oden and Carolyn Billingsley.

As she traveled on her earthly journey, Margarine landed a job at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, NJ as a food service worker. She retired from St. Michael's Medical Center after years of dedicated service.

In 1983, Margarine met and married the love of her life Ernest Rivers and in that union came two stepdaughters; Janie Bradshaw and Ernestine Bussey.

*Margarine* also known as "Marge" was a faithful member of the Good News Sounds of Pentecost Ministries in Newark, New Jersey under the pastorate of Pastor Daryl Alexander since 1982, where she served on the mother board.

*Margarine* was a loving and caring person who always embraced life. Her passion was her grandchildren who were the love of her life and she played a GREAT role in each of their lives.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Ernest Rivers, son, Melvin Oden, daughter, Carolyn Billingsley, parents, Harvey Floyd and Mattie Harris and her stepfather, Joseph Harris.

Left to cherish her are: her son, Glen Truesdale; two stepdaughters, Janie Bradshaw (Robert) and Ernestine Bussey (Henry); one sister, Bonetta Dees; six grandchildren, Lamar Sanders, Ayesha Solomon, Jessica Billingsley, Jacqueline Bussey, Henry Bussey, Jr and Jermaine Bradshaw; seven great grandchildren. Also to cherish her memory are a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Prayer of Comfort ..... Prophet Stephanie Booker

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Bro. Little

New Testament ..... Co-Pastor Alexander

Solo ..... Theresa Barnes

Obituary and Acknowledgement ..... Jacquie R. Johnson

Solo ..... Shanda Harris

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Eulogy ..... Pastor Alexander

Recessional

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

## ***To Those I Love***

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
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 I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

*The family invites you to the repast following the interment at:  
Good News Sounds of Pentecost Ministries  
455 So. 10th Street  
Newark, NJ*

### ***Acknowledgement***

The family wishes to sincerely thank you for joining us today as we bid farewell to our precious gift. Your care, concern and love extended during this time have brought much comfort. You all are greatly appreciated and loved by us.

The family also gratefully acknowledges each of you who have expressed love and concern through your prayers, visits, floral tributes and all other expressions of sympathy.

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