

A portrait of Geneva Richards, a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a light-colored, possibly pink or white, dress with a ruffled collar and a multi-strand necklace. The background is a soft, light-colored floral pattern.

*Celebrating The Life of*

*Geneva Richards*

Sunrise  
December 23, 1925

Sunset  
June 28, 2012

Services

Friday, July 6, 2012 - 1:30 p.m.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

229 Wallace Street  
Orange, New Jersey

*Reverend Verenander L. Hughes, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

Our beloved **Geneva Richards**, born December 23, 1925, departed this life at the East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey, on Thursday, June 28, 2012.

She was one of twelve children born to Lucy Jane and James Matthew Banks in Buckingham County, Virginia. Geneva, known as “Ginny” lived a full life. She was a quiet woman with a big heart and a warm loving spirit, who willingly gave financial donations to numerous charities and causes.

Geneva was very close to her family and showed her love for them in many ways.

Geneva loved God, and lived the life of a virtuous woman. After relocating from Virginia to New Jersey, she joined the Peaceful Zion Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ, where she is on record as one of its charter members. Years later she joined and remained a member of the Bethel Baptist Church family, Orange, NJ. She never stopped supporting its ministry until her health failed her.

Geneva met and married the late Levi Richards, where they resided in Whitehouse Station, NJ for many years. They were well known for their annual Labor Day cookouts. Ginny was a good cook. Her specialties included homemade rolls, (a family tradition) pies and cakes.

As a widow, she moved to East Orange, NJ to be closer to her family.

Geneva is survived by her two sisters, Mary Holland and Emma J. Taylor; one brother-in-law, Johnnie B. Taylor, Sr.; sister-in-law, Lillian Banks; one goddaughter, Dolores Taylor Smith; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Geneva will be missed. We will be grieved and saddened by her absence, but our hearts are rejoicing at knowing that she is at peace. “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.”

# *Order of Service*

Seating of Family

Hymn of Comfort ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15

Selection ..... Choir

Remarks ..... Family and Friends (two minutes please)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Obituary

Solo ..... “Walk Around Heaven All Day” - Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy ..... Rev. Verenander L. Hughes

Recessional ..... Clergy & Family

## **Interment**

*Rosedale Cemetery*

*Orange, New Jersey*

## **Repast**

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

## *Come To Me*

*God saw she was getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered "Come to me"  
The days of toil and nights of pain  
The weary hours have passed  
The patient gentle worn out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.  
Day and night we stood by her  
And saw her in pain,  
Anxiously awaiting her cure  
But our waiting was in vain.  
God who knoweth all things best  
Eased her suffering, gave her rest  
She is gone but not forgotten,  
Never will our memories fade  
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger  
Round the place where she rests.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Geneva Richards** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy prayers, messages and courtesies of graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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