

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
of*



Mother Josephine Taylor Evans

Sunrise
February 18, 1916

Sunset
August 29, 2012

*"Who can find a virtuous woman: for her price is far above rubies."
Proverbs 31:10*

Service

Wednesday, September 5, 2012 - 11:00 am

Second Baptist Church

200 Locust Street

Roselle, New Jersey

Rev. James E. Moore, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

MOTHER JOSEPHINE TAYLOR EVANS

The oldest of eight children, Josephine Taylor Evans was born on Friday, February 18, 1916 in Nash County, North Carolina to John Richard Taylor and Dora Leonard-Taylor. She grew up in a Christian home, accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of nine and was baptized at Union Hill Baptist Church, Nashville, North Carolina. Growing up in the rural segregated South, she remembered the times of farming, sharecropping, and the one-room school. Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States and Thomas R. Marshall was Vice-President. She had shared many a memory of those days with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. In 2004 she was recognized at the Leonard/Taylor Family Reunion held in Atlanta, Georgia for her valuable wealth of family history.

She met Clarence Morgan Evans in Fayetteville, North Carolina while she was attending Fayetteville State College (before it became a University). While Clarence was in the Army, they were married April 4, 1944. They moved to New Jersey in 1944 and started a family. Their four children were all born in Newark, New Jersey: Delores Evans Whitehead; Atlas Dwight Evans; Jacqueline Althea Evans Jones; and Wanda Evans Wims. There are others who call her “Mom”, among whom are children she took care of to make it easier for their parents while they worked.

She was a devoted member of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey for more than forty years. Upon moving to Roselle in 1997 she began to worship at Second Baptist Church and she was led by the Holy Spirit to become a member of this church family in December 2001. This fellowship and that of her friends in Newark and the surrounding cities were precious to her. She enjoyed her ministry as an intercessory prayer warrior and a member of the Flower Club at Second Baptist Church.

The family was so proud of Mother Evans when she was interviewed by Shauna Carty, a journalist and Second Baptist Church member. Her story was included in “Praying In The Moment: Reflections on the Election of President Barack Obama. She was also featured in a 2009 New York Times article related to this interview.

Family and friends surrounded her in love, honor, and gratitude for who she was—a strong woman of God, a faithful Christian, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend—just to name a few of the roles she had played in so many lives she had touched. She had made many sacrifices for her children and family to make sure that they would be successful and strong in a tough world. Mom Evans knew the Lord was her light and her salvation and she knew the power of prayer. She loved the Lord.

Mom was a lot of fun and the family loved just being in her presence all the time. Some of her favorite sayings were: This too shall pass; “Old Man Can’t” died a long time ago; I pray for peace and love in this family; and the Lord sits high and looks low, He sees all that’s going on. She never failed to say “I love you.”

Mother Evans, our Family Matriarch passed peacefully in her journey to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 29, 2012. She was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Morgan Evans; her daughter, Wanda Evans Wims and her grandson, Joseph Tim Whitehead, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Delores Evans Whitehead, Atlas Dwight Evans and his wife, Margaret L., Jacqueline Althea Evans Jones and her husband, John; sole surviving sibling her sister, Edna Taylor Warren and her husband, Lenton; grandchildren, Lisa Whitehead, Shiera Goff, Celena Evans, Vanzetta Evans, Renee Capdeville, Ashley Capdeville, Edward Mays, Akeim Fairwell and Charlene Wims; 11 great-grandchildren, Jaide Lee, Tyra Lee, Asha Lee, Teavin Whitehead, Taisha Whitehead, Tre Whitehead, Christopher Coleman, Roderick Coleman, Camille Evans, Corinne Evans and Iyanna Fairwell; 1 great-great grandchild, Christopher Begley and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and her church family.

Order of Service

Organ PreludeMr. Vincent Jefferys

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn # 189“It Is Well With My Soul”

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 91

New Testament - Revelations 21: 1-7

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn # 249 “My God Is Real”

Words of Comfort

RemarksFirst Lady Minister Margaret Moore
Flower Club Ministry
Diaconate
Missionary Ministry

Acknowledgement of Condolences

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Hymn # 446“There’ll Be Peace In The Valley”

EulogyRev. James E. Moore, Sr.

Recessional

Entombment

Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey

PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends of Mother Josephine Evans

REPAST

Immediately following the entombment, family and friends are invited to return to
Second Baptist Church where a repast will be served.

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

PSALM 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow,
and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

TO THOSE I LOVE AND THOSE WHO 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 traveled alone.*

*So grieve for me if grieve 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 or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you, soft and clear.*

*And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home."*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mother Josephine Evans** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

