

**PALLBEARERS**

Carlton Bullock      Semour Gifford  
Keith Johnson      Douglas Bonner  
Robert Pendleton      Theodore Pendleton  
Bobby Spells      Robert Spells

**FLOWER BEARERS**

Sisters in the Lord

**Perhaps**

*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 that day  
Whatever you did to console our hearts  
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to each and everyone for your acts of kindness and your prayers during the loss of our loved one.

~ The Family of **Mother Evelyn Brightwell**



*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life  
Of*



*Mother Evelyn Brightwell*

**Sunrise**

June 25, 1914

**Sunset**

September 13, 2012

*Funeral Service*

Thursday, September 20, 2012 ~ 11:00 AM

**Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church**

31 East Eighteen Street

Linden, New Jersey 07036

Honorable Bishop G. Leach D.D., Pastor

Elder L. Thompson, Sr., Assistant Pastor – Officiating

Vice Bishop CT Bullock, Presiding

## *The Magic Of A Mother's Touch*

*There's magic in a mother's touch,  
And sunshine in her smile  
There's love in everything she does  
To make our lives worthwhile  
We can find both love and courage  
Just by looking in her eyes  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
Her words are warm and wise  
There is kindness and compassion  
To be found in her embrace  
And we see the light of heaven  
Shining from a mother's face.*

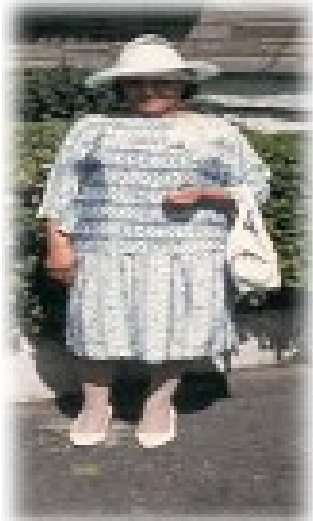


### *A Grandmother's Love*

*A grandmother's love is everlasting though  
the flesh is gone. The memories of joy and laughter  
will still live on. I will always miss your voice  
and your presence. I will remember all of the times  
we shared. Don't worry I will move on as I get in my car  
listening to your favorite song,  
"I Got Love On My Mind"-  
I know life still goes on as I start my days  
and end my nights  
my grandmother's love will embrace me tight.  
Feeling your presence and knowing  
you're there letting me know  
I have nothing to fear. I will then close my eyes and  
Squeeze real tight then I will have a good sleep.*



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Musical Prelude

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Selection ..... FPC General Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Proverb 31:10-22, 24-31

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Solo .....Mikal Brightwell, Great-grandson

Reflections .....Clergy, Family and Friends  
(2 minutes)

Solo .....Sister Desiree Pendleton

Poem Tribute..... Sister Carlett Spells

Acknowledgements of Condolences,  
Cards..... Sister Beverly Rhame, Church Secretary

Obituary

Selection..... FPC General Choir

Eulogy..... Elder Leon Thompson, Sr.

Recessional

**Interment**  
Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Repast

After the Interment, Everyone is Welcome to join the  
Family for Fellowship and Dinner in the lower level  
Dining area of Zion Temple.

Services Entrusted To:

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**  
206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203  
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*"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"*

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**Evelyn Brightwell** was born on June 25, 1914 to the late Willie and Celeste Berry, of Cordele, Georgia. She went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 13, 2012 in the home of her son, Nathaniel Brightwell of Linden, New Jersey. She lived to attain the age of 98.

She received her early education in Cordele, GA. She met and married the late Nathan Brightwell,. She later moved from Georgia and resided in Linden, NJ from 1934 to 2012. From this marriage six children were born into this family. Evelyn was employed for the Soble Family in Springfield, New Jersey where she retired.

Through her late son Dennis Brightwell, attending the noon day prayers on Wood Avenue, the Lord drew Evelyn in. She received salvation, sanctification and the Baptism of Holy Ghost and became a full member of Zion Temple First Pentecostal Church, Inc. under the leadership of the Late Founder, Bishop Mabel L. Colzie. She served vigorously in the church and later was appointed Church Mother and President of the local Missionary Department. She worked as an usher, worked the Holy Communion Table and worked faithfully as one of the head cooks in the kitchen. One of her favorite songs in devotional was “There’s A Bright Side Somewhere, Don’t You Rest until You Find It” and “I’m Just Holding On, Holding On and I Won’t Let Go My Faith.” Although few in number, she continued to keep the members inspired and motivated.

Subsequently, her Pastor recognized her faithfulness and diligent service to her church; she was appointed to the position of General Church Mother of the First Pentecostal Church of America, Inc. under the Leadership of our present Pastor and General President, Bishop G. Leach, DD and served faithfully within that position and many other auxiliaries of the church. She was reliable, dependable, devoted, loving, faithful and believed in obedience to the Word and working together. Mother Brightwell never stopped working on her own. She was a willing worker in God’s vineyard. Noon Day Prayer warrior and attended service every night. No matter where service was held, she was there until she physical couldn’t attend on her own anymore. Even in her affliction, she continued to support her church financially. Mother Brightwell was a living example of how Christ wants us to live as Christians. Her primary objective in life was to see souls drawn closer to Christ.

In the latter part of her life, she continued attending noon day prayer, Sunday Morning services, conventions and various meetings under the

care of her baby son Nathaniel Brightwell, who took care of her for the last four years in his home. Well know as spoil brat, he daily handled her with loving care as a child was supposed to according to the Word of God. She never wanted for anything. Mom’s reply to him was, “Thank You Nate for Taking Care of Me.” Our General Church Mother Evelyn Brightwell was an extraordinary woman of God. She was one that believed in fasting, praying and supporting her church and will be dearly missed by all.

Mother was predeceased by her husband, Nathan Brightwell, a son, Dennis Brightwell, her sister, Beatrice Moore, son-in-law, William Blaine, daughter-in-law, Dolly Brightwell and grandson, William Brightwell, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories a large loving family, including her children, three daughters, Betty (Maurice) Sutherland, Kathryn (William) Byrd, Esther Blain, one adopted daughter, Kimberly Brightwell, two sons, William Brightwell and Nathaniel Brightwell, nineteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, twelve great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, Zion Temple Church family, the entire First Pentecostal Church of America, Inc. and a host of friends.

*“We thank God for Ninety-eight years of Precious Memories.”*

Submitted With Love ~ The Family

**She Is Gone**

*You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember her and only that she is gone  
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what she would want:  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

~ David Harkins