

*Celebrating the Life  
of*



*Deaconess Marion Gibson*

**Sunrise**  
*January 21, 1928*

**Sunset**  
*September 26, 2012*

**Services**

*Tuesday, October 2, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CHRIST RESURRECTION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

*30 North Clinton Street  
East Orange, New Jersey*

*Reverend Dr. Leora Liggins, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Marion Gibson** was born on January 21, 1928 to Alma and William Curvin in Newark, New Jersey. In 1956, she married Henry Gibson and in 1959 gave birth to a beloved son, Henry Timothy Gibson. Marion and Henry, who passed just a year and a half ago, lived a loving life together, a life that was dedicated to family, church and community. At an early age, her family moved to Belleville, where she attended public schools and graduated from Belleville High School 1946. She later took courses at Essex County College.

Mrs. Gibson was a charter member of the Newark Pre-School Council, the Federally supported effort to provide early childhood education to poor children. She worked as a community service worker for the Council during it's first decade and then went to work for the Essex County Welfare Board in 1974, and remained there as an intake worker until her retirement in 1998.

The theme of Deaconess Gibson's life was generosity and service to others; a willingness to sacrifice and join any effort to help people at the bottom of the economic ladder. Like all of the Curvins, she grew up as a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher. She later became a member of Bethany Baptist Church, where she and Henry were extremely active on various committees. Marion particularly enjoyed her role as a chair of the Flowers Committee and her work with Project Hope, a collaborative effort between Bethany and Martland Hospital to provide care and support to mentally challenged children and adults. Since 2002, she has been a deaconess and the Church Mother of the Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church, which has brought her a wonderful circle of loving and caring friends and what she termed, the most satisfying spiritual experience of her life. She served as President of the Flower Club of Christ Resurrection.

Marion and Henry both joined the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in the early 1960's when the civil rights movement picked up some steam in the local area. They participated in several of the campaigns to open up jobs and opportunities for minorities. Marion was also a long time member of the Sojourner Truth Club, which is an affiliate of the New Jersey Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Marion was a woman with a huge heart and the right sized ego who did not need to take credit or even seek recognition for the many good deeds she performed day by day. Those who knew her recognized her caring and unselfishness. And she will be missed by all.

Marion leaves behind to cherish her memories: her beloved son, Henry Timothy; siblings, Dorothy Spears, William Curvin, Hilda Johnson, Ermel Parker, Robert Curvin and Helen Martin; in-laws, Barbara Curvin of Millburn, Barbara Curvin of Hillside and Patricia H. Curvin; and a host of relatives, close friends, neighbors, and her church family at Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church.

## *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude ..... Rony Desarme

Processional ..... Clergy, Deacons and Family

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

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Proverbs 31:10-15, 20-31 ..... Rev. Cranston Mitchell

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 ..... Rev. Isis Harris

Solo ..... Tyrone Dunlap

Reflections ..... Family and Friends (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements & Obituary ..... Rev. Theresa Green

Solo ..... “If I Can Help Somebody” Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins, Pastor

Recessional ..... Clergy, Deacons and Family  
“Thank You Lord”

### **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

### *Repast*

*Immediately following the interment family and friends are invited back for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall*

## *God Called Your Name So Softly*

*God called your name so softly,  
that only you could hear  
And no one heard the footsteps  
Of angels drawing near.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You're always close beside us, in everything we do,  
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.  
We always remember that way you looked,  
the way you talked and smiled,  
The little things you said and did  
to make our lives worthwhile.  
Each time we look at your picture,  
you seem to smile and say,  
Don't be sad but courage take  
and love each other for my sake.  
Just a prayer from the family to you,  
just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will stay forever  
because we thought the world of you.*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Deaconess Marion Gibson** will remember and cherish the kindness of your expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended.  
Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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