

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Mertle Douglas

Sunrise
June 1, 1949

Sunset
October 15, 2012

Monday, October 22, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

ST. MARKS AME CHURCH
587 Springdale Avenue • East Orange, NJ
Rev. Vernon H. Peters, Officiating
“May the Work I’ve Done speak For Me”

Obituary

Mertle Eugene Douglas was born on June 1st, 1949 in No. 5 Village, West Coast Berbice, Guyana. She was the fourth of six children. She received her early education at Roome Congregational School, No. 5 Village. She subsequently relocated to Linden, Demerara in 1966 and became a member of Blakely AME Church. Her passion for the Lord and service to people motivated her to become a Sunday School teacher for several years. Due to her burning desire to teach and her love for children, she later became a Kindergarten School teacher and made a positive impact in molding many young lives. Mertle had a warm and outgoing personality and made friends easily as she became involved in many community activities. In 1976, she met and totally captivated the mind of the young Norton Douglas. He just could not help himself because of her beauty and charm, so he decided to literally sweep her off her feet. This union produced three children.

In 1985, Mertle migrated to the USA. It was a difficult decision because she had to leave her children and Norton behind. She was willing to make the sacrifice to work hard to ensure her family subsequently joined her. She worked at Morris Hill Center as a Dietary Aide for several years and had to stop working because of ill health.

Mertle loved the Lord and became a faithful member of St. Mark AME Church. She was most happy serving the Lord and singing His praises. Her love for life and people became evident in her service on the Steward Board and Hospitality Club.

In 1987 Mertle returned to Guyana to marry the love of her life, Norton Douglas. She subsequently brought her entire family to the USA. Mertle loved to give and was always willing to go the extra mile to help others. She was a fantastic cook and loved to share whatever she prepared. Anyone who came to her home would benefit from her cooking or some other act of kindness. The testimonies are too numerous to mention.

Mertle Douglas departed this life on Monday, October 16th, 2012. She was predeceased in death by her father, Leonard Thom and two sisters, Carmen Williams and Jacqueline Bailey.

Mertle's heart and soul revolved around her love of God, family and friends. No matter what state of mind you were in Mertle knew how to make you laugh. She had such a charming personality and a kind and gentle heart. She was tremendously loved by her family and friends. She will be surely missed.

Mertle leaves to cherish her memories: Husband, Norton Douglas; Children, Sherwain, Lance, Kevin, Nigel and Robin; Mother, Emily Bailey/Thom; Sisters, Hermin Johnson of Michigan, Irill Richmond and Zelda Bailey; Grandchildren, Keon Williams, Kiarra Douglas, Shaquand Williams of Guyana, Stacia Wills, Shyanne Julien and Shawn Wicker; Aunts, Gladys Bailey and Veronica Michael; Uncle, Sheldon Bailey; Nephews and Nieces, William, Earl, Lance and Jeniffer Williams of Canada, Rev. Glen Johnson, Claude Johnson, Seon Richmond, Coretta Nester, Rhonda Bailey/Thom, Kelli Oxford, Jamil Bailey, Bevonne Bailey, Iken Bailey, and Zoriah Fowler; Great Nephews and Niece, Cleve, Rovin, Russel, Ashley, Glen Jr, Claude Jr, Malcolm and Dina Johnson, Daughter-in law, Selexie Douglas; Nieces-in-law, Marjorie and Lauvern Johnson; Brothers and Sisters-in-law, James, Lionel, Colin and Fay Douglas, Lureen Dawson, Sybil Henry, Beverly Heyliger and Mortimer Glasgow; Cousins, Jean, Sherman, Dinsmore Micheal and others, Stanton Roberts, Denise Innis, Mary Joseph, Enid Rigby, Diane Stephens, Loretta Thom, Karen Liverpool, Rudwell Johnson, Pastor Ansil Johnson and others, Aubrey Bailey, Mureen Watts and others, Marlyn Collins, Andrea and others, Clairmont Nedd and others, Bearn and others, Trevor Bailey, Heather, Glennis and others; Long time friend of Jessie Miranda, Winnifred Robinson, Yvonne Caesar, Joyce Stephens of Guyana, Colleen Melville and several others.

May her soul continue to rest in God's peace.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Comfort#511 - “Sing The Wondrous Love Of Jesus”

Prayer of Consolation Pastor of Church

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 27 Dorette McIver

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 13 Zoriah Fowler (Niece)

Solo Bro. James Calloway

Obituary Zelda Bailey (Sister)

Special Tributes Claude Johnson (Nephew)

Denise Innis (Cousin)

Kendra Nester (Great Niece)

Zoriah Fowler (Niece)

Kevin Douglas (Son)

Reflections Friends/Co-workers (2 minutes)

Hymn #450 - “Blessed Assurance”

Acknowledgements of Resolutions St. Mark AME Church

Words of Comfort Rev. Glen Johnson (Nephew)

Hymn #497 - “When The Trumpet Of The Lord”

Eulogy Rev. Vernon H. Peters

Hymn of AssuranceChoir/ Congregation
“Soon And Very Soon”

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, New Jersey

Immediately after the Interment the repast will be held at St. Mark AME Church.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Pallbearers

Sherwain Williams	Lance Williams
Kevin Douglas	Nigel Douglas
Rovin Johnson	Russel Johnson

Acknowledgement

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 on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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