

Celebrating the Life of
Joyce Gaddy

Sunrise
May 21, 1938

Sunset
October 30, 2013



Services

Saturday, November 9, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

208 Broadway

Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dr. Gloria White, Officiating

Rev. Dr. Melaine Miller, Eulogist

Obituary

Joyce Gaddy was born on May 21, 1938 in Newark, NJ to the late Harry C. and Marie Artis. She was the youngest of seven children born to that union. She made her transition on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ.

Joyce was educated in Newark, NJ schools, graduating from Miller Street School and South Side High School. She later continued her education, graduating from Essex County College and fulfilling the requirements of Licensed Practical Nurse. She practiced nursing for many years at Saint Mary's Hospital in Orange, NJ, as well as at other hospitals in Essex, Passaic and Bergen Countries. She maintained her nursing license after retirement, as she said, "in case I decide to go back to work."

Joyce was united in marriage to the late Melvin L. Gaddy, Sr. To this union were born three children, Melvin L. Gaddy, Jr., the late Jeanine Burks and Steven C. Gaddy.

Joyce spent her early life at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, where she accepted Christ and was baptized. She worked diligently there as a Church School teacher. Upon relocation to Bergen Counties, on September 27, 1998 she united with the Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church. She served there as a Church School teacher, and as a nurse in the Health & Wellness Ministry.

Joyce's family was special to her. She enjoyed family gatherings and her many relatives looked forward to the special cookies she baked. And, all will miss her delicious "Joyce Cake", for which there is no recipe.

Joyce leaves to mourn her passing: two sons, Melvin L. Gaddy, Jr. and Steven C. Gaddy; three sisters, Marie Henderson (Ernest), Emma Minton and Jean Jennings; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; a lifelong friend, Hazel Ellis; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Patricia Caine

New Testament - Revelation 21:3-5 Cynthia Fisher

Prayer of Comfort Dr. Gloria White

Congregational Hymn #340.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Expressions Family and Friends

Resolutions and Correspondence

Obituary Rachel Ryder

Musical Selection..... Varick Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Melanie Miller

Prayer

Recessional

Postlude

<p><u>Interment</u> Glendale Cemetery Bloomfield, New Jersey</p>

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
Which made Heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-3

A sheet of notepaper, containing Joyce's own handwriting, was found in her bedroom after she left home for her last hospital stay.
It reads as follows:

“The light of God surrounds me,
The love of God enfolds me,
The power of God protects me,
The presence of God watches over me,
Wherever I am, God is Lord,
And all is well.”



Pallbearers

Askia Anderson	Anthony Jennings
Aswad Anderson	Douglas Minton
Clark Everson	Khalid Smith



Acknowledgements

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