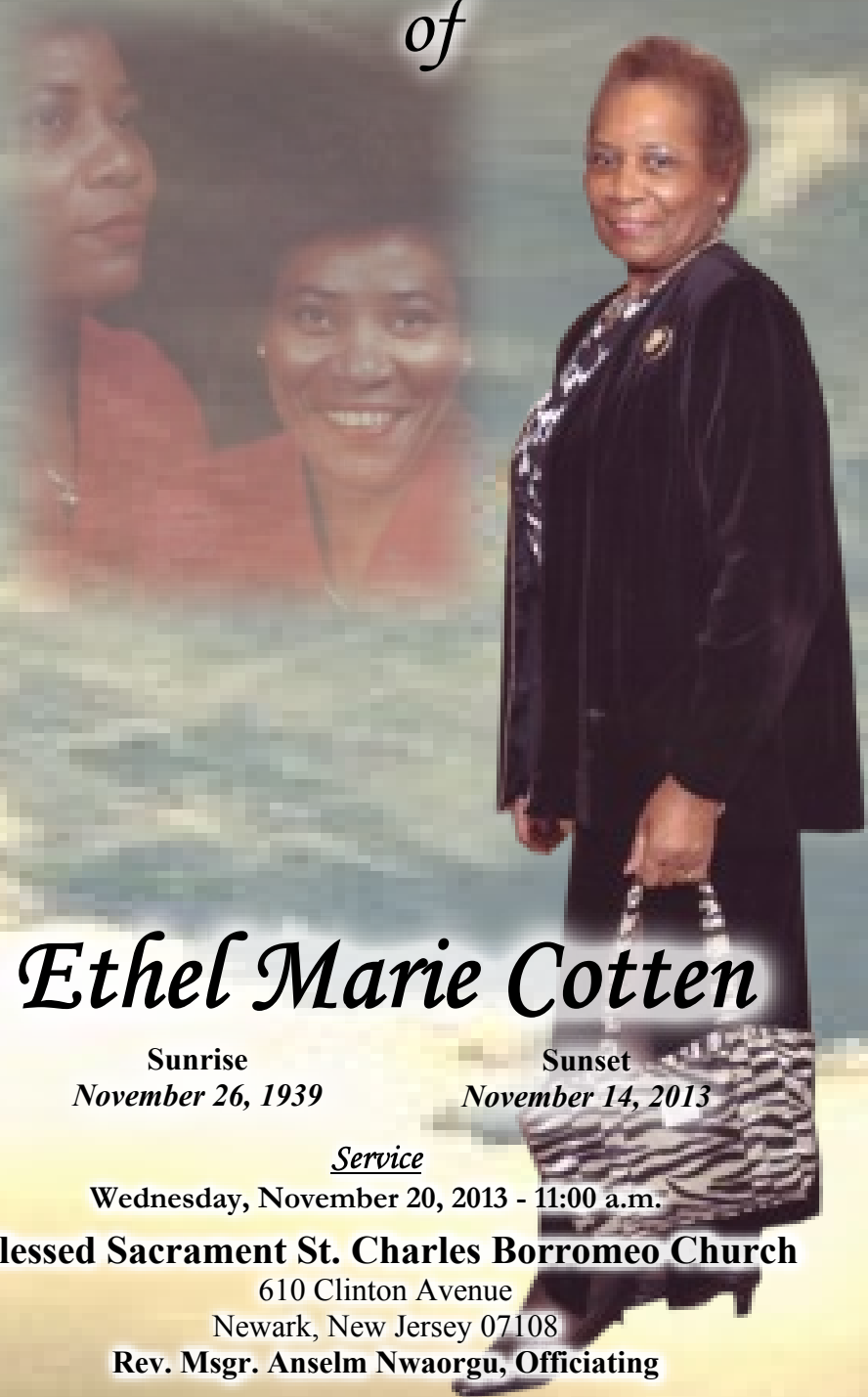


*In Loving Memory  
of*



*I Am Free*

*I am free from the chains  
Secured from pain.*

*I can lift my eyes to the hill  
Never will be ashamed.*

*I have courage to carry my burden  
But I look upon the national at all the troubles.*

*You cannot turn me around because  
I will never be discourage.*

*I have struggled to make my  
People understand, we came from  
Motherland "I am free".*

*By Ethel M. Cotten*

*Acknowledgements*

The family of **Ethel Marie Cotten** wishes to express their gratitude for all of the expressions of loving kindness and comfort shown during their moments of bereavement.

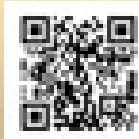
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*Ethel Marie Cotten*

Sunrise  
November 26, 1939

Sunset  
November 14, 2013

Service

Wednesday, November 20, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

**Blessed Sacrament St. Charles Borromeo Church**

610 Clinton Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07108

**Rev. Msgr. Anselm Nwaorgu, Officiating**

## Order of Service

Welcome and Blessing of the Body

Processional  
"I've Got A Feeling"

Opening Prayer of Consolation

Scripture Reading I  
Wisdom 3:1-6,9 - Mary Brown

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 23 - Mary Brown

Scripture Reading II  
Romans 6:3-9 - C.C. Conway

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel  
John 17:24-26

Words of Resurrection and Consolation

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Lord's Last Supper  
Presentation Hymn  
Marleyne Boyce-Tronchin

Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Christ's Peace  
Communion Hymn

Solo Patricia Assan & Henry Gaines

Mediation Hymn  
Solo Rhyan McNeil  
Remarks

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn: "Take Me To The King"

### Interment

The Chapel at Short Hills  
451 Millburn Ave., Millburn, NJ 07041

### *Repast*

*Blessed Sacrament Church*  
610 Clinton Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108

## Life of A Phenomenal Woman



**Ethel Marie Cotten** was born on November 26, 1939 in the County of Chester, Pennsylvania, she was the youngest of ten children. Her parents the late Olivia Jones Mooring and Rev. John Henry Mooring resided in Edgecombe County, North Carolina with their ten children. She attended West Martin High School in Oak City, North Carolina; where she met and later married the late Curtis Earl Cotten. From that union came three beautiful daughters, Versie, Jennifer, and Angela. Later in life she attended Essex County College and Caldwell College where she attained 60 college credits in Elementary Education. She departed this life after battling an illness on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at home with her oldest daughter and family in Union, NJ.

Marie as she loved to be called, had various part time jobs as her first priority was her three stars, therefore she stayed at home to raise them. Later she worked at Blessed Sacrament School first as a volunteer then later was hired under a Title 1 Chapter 1 Program. Marie later worked at Clinton Avenue School in Newark, New Jersey where she retired after twenty-five years of service.

Marie was very strong in her faith in God. She always said to her children and loved ones, "Remember when you put Jesus first in your life everything falls in place." Marie was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church for over fifty years; in which she was very active and in the community. Former President of Blessed Sacrament Mother's Club, Sgt. Of Arms of Blessed Sacrament Rosary Society and was currently Vice President, PSP Committee, Women's Cursillo, Praise Dancer co-captain of Blessed Sacrament School Softball Team, Blessed Sacrament Choir, Associate Sister of Saint Joseph and Covenant Choir. Marie was also active during her daughters' tenure at Benedictine Academy High School in which she was President of Benedictine Academy Parent's Guild for four years and Vice President of Benedictine Academy Parent's Guild for two years. In the community Marie was the secretary of Hillside Democratic Club, a member of the Lioness Club, Chairman of Benedictine Academy public Speaking, member of Hillside Safety Council, the Newark Teacher's Union, Newark Credit Union, Hillside's Democratic Club Executive Board, and finally, a member of Lincoln University Parent's Alumni Chapter.

Marie loved her family and friends. However, she had a special connection with children. They gravitated to Marie because of her sweet and warm spirit. Marie also loved to have a good time, she loved to dance, travel, sing and she loved to write poetry in her journals. She looked forward to spending time with her oldest daughter and her family during their annual summer vacations in Wildwood, New Jersey. Splitting the other holidays with her other daughters.

To know Marie Cotten is to have known a phenomenal woman, very positive, classy and full of life.

In her final moments she had a great sense of humor and expressed her love for everyone. Left behind to share memories are daughters, Versie Marie McNeil and son-in-law, Ricardo, Jennifer Dale Cotten-Rashwan, J.D., Angela Gale Monroe and son-in-law, Joseph, grandchildren, Halim and wife Rhyan, Nicole, Justin, Janine, Princess Sarah and Joseph, great grandchildren Zahir, Rian and Miliyah. Sister Mary Cotten and brother, Crumel Mooring of Coatesville, PA, sister Lizzie Jones of Tarboro NC, brother Cornelius Mooring of Oxford, NC, brother Jesse Mooring, sister, Mattie and brother Isaac Mooring of Tarboro, NC. Their brother John Henry Mooring and sister, Susie Mooring Mosley-Parker preceded her in death. Special friend, Dominick Peterpaul; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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