

In Loving Memory of

Ruth C. Garrett

Sunrise
April 27, 1921

Sunset
December 27, 2013

Saturday, January 4, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5 High Street
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Rev. Allen Shelton, Officiating

Obituary

On December 27, 2013 **Ruth Chin Garrett** was called to her heavenly home after a long illness. Ruth was born on April 27, 1921 in Johnston, SC and raised in Newark, New Jersey where she graduated from Barringer High School in 1938. It was at Barringer that Ruth met the love of her life, the late John Garrett, Jr. Ruth and John ,married and from that union a son was born, John Kenneth. Ruth and John raised their son in Montclair for fifty-six years. Ruth accepted Christ and was baptized at an early age and became a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Montclair. Ruth was a quiet soul, but she had a very strong presence once you got to know her. A graduate of Montclair State University, Ruth was a budget analyst at the Bayonne Navy Yard for twenty-five years before retiring. Ruth was an avid bridge player. Her bridge pursuits took her all over the United States playing in bridge tournaments with the American Bridge Association. Ruth was such a keen and dedicated player; she was a member of three bridge teams: The Kenbridge Set , The Plaza of Montclair, and We-9 Bridge Club. Ruth, along with her husband John were dedicated bowlers and participated in the Montclair bowling league for more than thirty years.

Politics was never far from the Garrett household and Ruth joined her husband John as a member of the 4 th Ward Montclair Democratic Committee for over thirty years. Additionally, Ruth was the campaign treasure for her son Ken's bid for The Essex County Freeholder Board.

Ruth Chin Garrett was a proud mother of John Kenneth, grandmother of Cynthia Roberson, and cherished great-grandmother of Rey Harris, and Ryan-Ashley Harris, aunt to William, Wanda, and Donald M. Payne, Jr., Catherine James, Lauren Blanchard, and Craig Stanley, cousin to Thelma Jenkins, Clara Miles, Dorothy Smith, Sadie Walker, Leslie Derricotte, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy

Hymn Of Comfort..... "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort

*Solo..... "Precious Lord"
(Tyrone Dunlap)*

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

*Remarks..... Cynthia Roberson(Granddaughter)
Leslie Derricotte(Cousin)
Congressman Donald M. Payne Jr. (Nephew)*

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Solo..... Tyrone Dunlap

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 11:26

Eulogy..... Rev. Allen Shelton

Interment

*Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey*

Repast

*Following the interment family and
friends are invited for the repast at
Essex Manor
41 Broughton Avenue
Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Ruth C. Garrett** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extend to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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