

*Home Going Celebration  
For*



*Lurline Luetta Houston*

*Sunrise*

*September 5, 1923*

*Sunset*

*January 25, 2014*

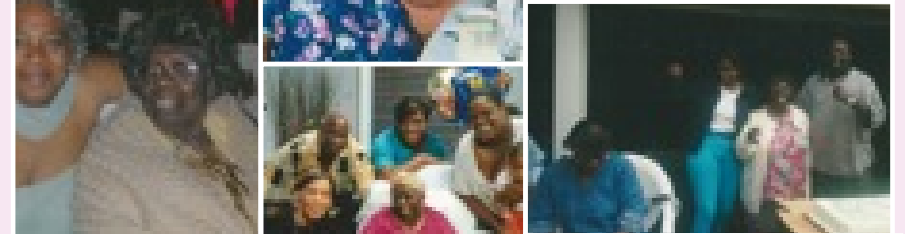
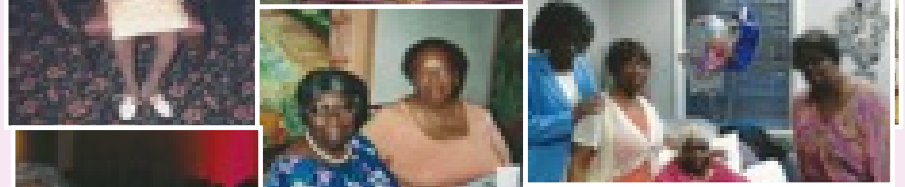
*Saturday, February 1, 2014*

*Eleven o'clock in the morning*

***Congregational Baptist Church***

*399-411 Bergen Street*

*Newark, New Jersey*



## *Reflections of Life*

**A Time to be Born:** *Lurline Luetta Houston* was born on September 5, 1923 in Dorchester, South Carolina to the late Freddie and Bessie James.

**A Time to Love:** *Lurline* moved to New Jersey in 1952 where she met the late Willie Houston, Sr. After a six month whirlwind courtship, they were married on December 28, 1952. Her husband predeceased her in February, 1999. Their union was blessed with four children: William, Jr. (predeceased her in 2007), Larry, Chanda, and her niece, Shirley, whom she loved as her very own daughter.

**A Time to Grow:** *Lurline* received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She was employed as a Head Teacher with the Newark Pre-School Council, Inc. where she taught for 32 years. *Lurline* loved to teach the little scholars. However, she wrote her last lesson plan in 1993 and retired at the age of 70 years old. She continued to teach and pour into her grandchildren and great grandchildren well after her retirement years.

**A Time to Worship and Serve:** *Lurline* loved and worshipped the Lord with all of her heart. She joined the Congregational Baptist Church in 1966, where she was a faithful member until she was unable to attend church services any longer. She was very active in the ministries of the church. *Lurline* served as President of the Deaconess Ministry for many years. After she retired from her office, she continued to serve on the ministry until

her health began to decline. She also served as Church Clerk, sang on the Sr. Choir, and was one of the main “chefs” on the Kitchen Ministry. Everyone loved **Lurline’s** sweet potato pies and stewed chicken. **Lurline** was also known for delivering heartfelt and creative “welcome addresses” for every church anniversary event.

**Lurline** demonstrated the “unconditional love” of God to her family and friends. She was a devoted and loving wife who cared tirelessly for her husband until the Lord called him home. She was also a caring and loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. Lurline was a cheerful giver and without hesitation, she and her husband opened their home for shelter and comfort on many occasions and for many people.

**A Time to Depart:** The Lord blessed Lurline with 90 beautiful years of life. However, her health began to decline and she entered into eternal rest with the Lord on January 25, 2014.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Shirley (Lawrence) Edmonds, Larry Houston, Chanda (Wilson) Curtis; one daughter-in-law, Elnora Houston; one brother-in-law, Jacob Houston; two sisters-in-law, Daisy Stevens and Bernice Houston; ten grandchildren, Kaliah, Josiah, Corey, Marquise, Ajalon, Malika, Raheem, Hakean, Letoya and Lucretia; nine great grandchildren; Zy-Mirr, Zy-Asia, Tyler, Hakean, Jr., David, Nathaniel, Brian, Chloe, and Secret; two godchildren, James Garrett, Jr. and Catrina Youngblood; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, two former daughters-in-law and friends.

# Order of Service

Minister Dorothy Dunnell, Presiding

Processional

Hymn of Praise ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23..... Deacon William Short

New Testament-2 Corinthians 5:1-10 ... Minister Frances Breedlove

Prayer of Comfort .....Rev. Ronald McKoy

Selection .....Choir

Tributes of Love..... (2 minutes please)  
Children  
Grandchildren (Josiah Houston)  
Cousin (Gussie Carn)  
Church (Deacon William Short)  
Friend (Kelvin Walker)

Acknowledgements and Obituary .....Sis. Brenda Hargrove

Solo ..... “His Eye is On the Sparrow”

Eulogy..... Rev. Antonio Porter, Pastor  
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Song ..... “Well Done” (Soundtrack)  
By Deitrick Haddon

Committal and Recessional

**Interment**  
Rosemount Memorial Park  
Newark, New Jersey

*The family will receive friends for dinner and fellowship after the interment in the Congregational Baptist Church’s Multipurpose Room.*

# *I Have A Place In Heaven*

*Please don't sing sad songs for me,  
forget your grief and fears;  
For I am in a perfect place,  
away from pain and tears.*

*I am far away from hunger,  
hurt, want and pride;  
I have a place in heaven,  
with the Master at my side.*

*My life on earth was very good,  
as earthly lives can go;  
But Paradise is so much more,  
than anyone can know.*

*My heart is filled with happiness  
and sweet rejoicing too;  
To walk with God is perfect peace,  
a joy forever new.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*We gratefully acknowledge your kindness and sincere sympathy. Although our hearts are saddened, we realize that God has looked beyond our earthly desires and fulfilled His heavenly plan. May God forever bless each one of you.*

*The Family*

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