Celebrating a Life Well Lived



# Ielma Mae Ferguson

November 16, 1932 - February 27, 2014

Celebration Service
Sunday, March 2, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
Visitation
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

### **Oasis Christian Centre**

2052 St. Georges Avenue Rahway, New Jersey

Pastor Fred McCarthy, Officiating

## Reflections of Ielma's Life

**Zelma Mae Ferguson** was born on November 16, 1932 in Lobato, West Virginia, daughter of the late Ida B. McMillon and Ulysis McMillon.

Zelma graduated from Buffalo High School in Accoville, West Virginia in 1951 where she met her first love, Raymond Ferguson. Soon after graduating from high school, the couple married and moved to Newark, New Jersey where they raised their two daughters.

Zelma was employed as a Selector at Wakefern Corporation in Cranbury, where she retired after 25 years of service. She spent twelve years of her retirement in Columbus, Ohio before returning to New Jersey to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren.

Zelma was very passionate about serving the Lord. She was a member of Oasis Christian Centre for twenty years and was well known for providing words of encouragement and sharing the word of God with everyone she met. She was also an avid reader and loved doing crossword puzzles.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Donna Jean Ferguson; and two sisters: Marion Alexis and Fredonia Robinson.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her daughter, Suan Bennett; two grandchildren: Dawn Smith and Taylor Bennett; two great-grandchildren: Marquis Gordon and Aldequan Durham; son-in-law, John Bennett; grandson-in-law, Garry Smith; sister, Lois Sparrow; brother, Leon McMillon; brother-in-law, Wheeler Sparrow; sister-in-law, Anita McMillon, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and special friends.

#### Those We Loved Remain With Us

Those We Loved Remain With Us,
For love itself lives on.
Cherished memories never fade,
Because a loved one is gone.
Those we love can never be,
More than a thought apart.
For as long as there are memories,
They'll live on in our hearts.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

## Order Of Service

#### Musical Prelude

#### **Processional**

#### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament - Dora Goodman New Testament - Taylor Bennett

#### **Prayer of Comfort**

Solo

Yvonne Hopkins

**Reflections** (2 minutes) Family & Friends

#### **Acknowledgment of Condolences**

Joan Colvin

Obituary

Joan Colvin

#### **Words of Comfort**

Peter Hagel & Chris Gioello

#### **Eulogy**

Pastor Fred McCarthy

#### Recessional

#### <u>Interment</u>

Graceland Memorial Park Kenilworth, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

#### G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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# Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

### <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **Zelma Mae Ferguson** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

