

Celebration for the Life of



Terrie McClendon

October 2, 1924 - June 18, 2014

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 - 7:00 pm

SOLID ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Spring Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Bennett Johnson, III Officiating

Reflections of Zerrie Bell McClendon's Life

Zerrie Bell (Johnson) Mc Clendon was born October 2, 1924 in Arlington, Georgia to the late Andrew Johnson and Mandy Johnson.

In 1946, Zerrie married the love of her life, Willie Mc Clendon in Tifton, Georgia and they migrated to Paterson, New Jersey in 1954. Three children were born from this union of marriage, Adolphous, Patricia, and Wardelle.

Zerrie thoroughly enjoyed life. She enjoyed going to church, singing in the choir, walking, spending time with family, friends, writing and reciting poems. She had a smile that exuded warmth. Those who were blessed to know her, remember her for her beautiful smile, delicious food, sense of humor, and kind heart.

Zerrie was employed as a Domestic Worker for many years in Tifton, Georgia and New Jersey. She was a faithful member of The Solid Rock Baptist Church in Paterson, NJ for more than 50 years. She was a member and treasurer of the Senior Choir.

She was predeceased by her parents, Andrew Johnson and Mandy Johnson; brothers, Charles E. Robinson, Mr. Okie Dawsey, Johnny Johnson; sisters, Mildred Davis and Marsena Little.

Zerrie Bell Mc Clendon, aged 89, departed this life peacefully on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at home with her family by her side after a long battle with cancer.

Zerrie leaves to cherish precious memories: her husband, Willie Mc Clendon, sons, Adolphous Mc Clendon and Wardelle Mc Clendon (Tammy); daughter, Patricia Mc Clendon Oguje; granddaughters, Erelyn Hicks (Darryl) and Sherisha Oguje; great-granddaughters, Che Hicks and Taliyah Ladson; two brothers, Sylvester Johnson and Jackie Johnson (Bonnie); one sister, Evan Moody; sister-in-law, Louise Robinson; special nieces Andresa Moody and Micheline Moody-Stephens "adopted son," Artis Dennis, "adopted daughters," Eileen Herndon and Carol McLeish; special friend, Julia Brisbon, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Zerrie loved the Lord! We know she is resting and rejoicing with God in heaven.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Reading of Poem

Micheline Moody-Stephens, niece

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reading of Reflections of Life

Sherisha Oguje, granddaughter

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Bennett Johnson III

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, New Jersey

Home At Last

There are no words ...what can I say?
At last her sweet soul winged its way
To peace and freedom in the sky
Where never again will she suffer or cry.
It's all part of God's great plan ...
Which is a mystery to man.
We cannot understand His ways
Nor can we count our earthly days.
But who are we to question and doubt?
God knoweth well what He's about;
He knew she longed to "go to sleep"
Where only angels, a vigil keep.
The pain of living grew too great
No longer could she stay and wait;
She did not want to leave you, dear,
But she had finished her work down here.
So she closed her eyes and when she awoke,
These are the words the Master spoke ...
"Welcome, dear child, you are Home at last,
And now the burden of living is past."
"There's work for you in My Kingdom, dear
And you are needed and wanted here."
So weep not, she has just gone on ahead,
Don't think of her as being dead.
She's out of sight for a little while,
And you'll miss her touch and her little smile,
But you know she is safe in the home above
Where there is nothing but Peace and Love.
And, surely, you would not deny her peace ...
And you're glad that she has found release.
Think of her there as a soul that is free,
And Home at last, where she wanted to be.

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Zerrie McClendon** thanks Pastor Johnson and the Solid Rock Baptist Church family and friends for all the love, kindness, various expressions of sympathy and hospitality that was shown in the midst of the passing of our dear loved one, Zerrie. May God bless all of you enormously and abundantly.*

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