

*Homegoing Worship Service*  
*For*  
*Mary Hopson*

*Sunrise*

December 26, 1924

*Sunset*

December 13, 2014

Friday, December 19, 2014 - 11:00 am

**Union Baptist Church**

1088 East Grand Street  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

**R. Lenton Buffalo, Jr., Pastor**

## *Life Reflections*

**Mary Hopson** was born on December 26, 1924 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, daughter of Lula Walton Hightower and Shadrach Hightower. She lived in Elizabeth before moving to Philadelphia where she would receive her early education. When she was a teenager, her family relocated to Roselle, New Jersey where she attended Abraham Clark High School.

Mary was joined in holy matrimony to Burly Hopson and this union was blessed with 3 children.

Mary was employed as a Machine Operator at Simmons Mattress Company in Elizabeth for 10 years. She later worked at Singer Manufacturing Company also in Elizabeth and was employed for 20 years before she retired in 1981.

She was a faithful member of Union Baptist Church in Elizabeth.

Mary was lovingly known as “MARY”, “Miss Mary”, “Grandma Mary”, “Mere Mere”, and most importantly “Mommy”. She had a love for children no matter who they were or where they lived. Children and animals brought much joy to her life. Mary surrounded herself with children. She was attracted to them and they were attracted to her. If you had a baby, you had a babysitter named “Mary”. Mary loved caring for her grands, great-grands and godchildren. They all had a special and unique bond with her. Mommy was the “Matriarch” of our family. She was the glue that held us together. Every holiday and every birthday was special with her. December 26<sup>th</sup> would have been her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. “Oh what a celebration she will have now – HOME”.

Mary Hopson departed this life on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at her daughter, Dolores’ Metuchen home at the age of 89. She was predeceased by her parents, Lula and Shadrach Hightower and 4 siblings, Arthur Hightower, Ruth Jackson, Shadrach Hightower, Jr. and Mildred McClindon.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, 3 daughters, Lorraine Keyes of Piscataway, NJ, Dolores “Ducky” Walker (Dennis) of Metuchen, NJ and Karen Harrington (Odell) of Magnolia, DE; a son, Dennis “Danny” Hopson (Tanya) of Florence, NJ; 11 grandchildren, 1 of which she raised, Taajah Baltimore of Elizabeth, NJ; 15 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Carter of NY, NY; her goddaughter, Adrienne “Dinky” Callands of Florida and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Order Of Service

The Organ Prelude.....The Organist

The Procession..... The Ministers, Officers and Family

The Words of Assurance..... The Pastor

The Hymn of Assurance .....# 340 “What A Friend” - The Congregation

The Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 27.....The Minister

New Testament - Thessalonians 4:13-17 .....The Minister

The Prayer of Comfort.....The Minister

The Hymn of Comfort .....“Take Me To The King” - Maya Jeffries

The Acknowledgement of Cards and Acts of Kindness.....The Minister

Reflections (2 minutes, please)

The Obituary.....(read silently) - The Congregation

The Hymn of Preparation.....The Congregation

The Gospel Message .....Rev. R. Lenton Buffalo, Jr.

The Hymn of Departure .....“Soon and Very Soon” - The Congregation

Recessional

### Interment

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to Union Baptist Church where a repast will be served.*

*Services Entrusted To:*

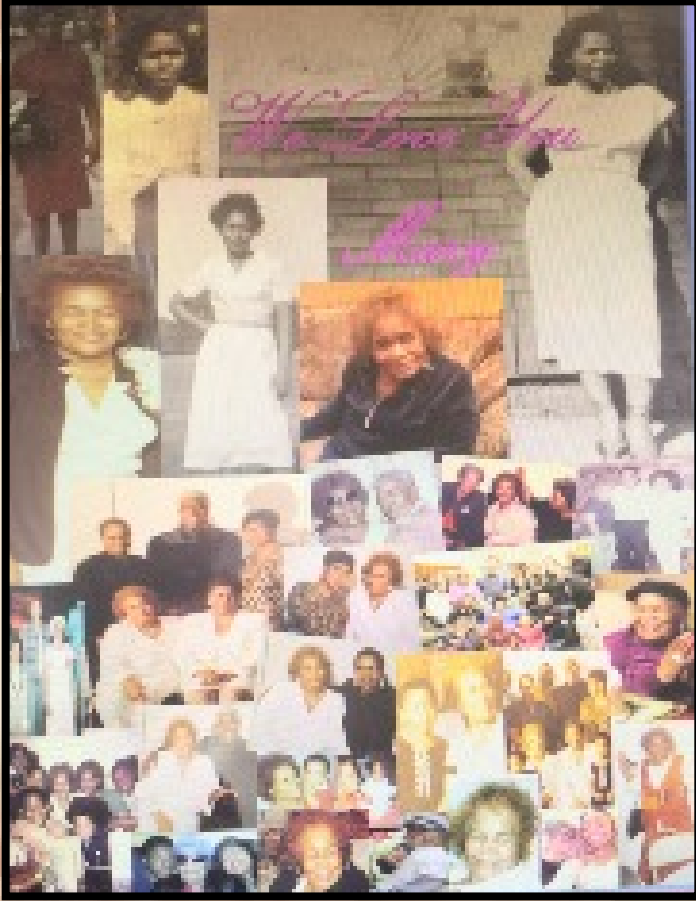
**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203

[www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com](http://www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com)

*“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”*

**Pall Bearers**  
Family and Friends of **Mary Hopson**



*Precious Memories*

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late **Mary Hopson** wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and loss of our loved one.

Truly hearts have been made glad by the outpouring of support and comfort to our family in our time of bereavement. For every prayer, card and kind word, we say Thank You. May God bless each of you.