



*A celebration in honor of the life of...*

*Mrs. Mezalee Peacock*

**Sunrise: January 8, 1921 - Sunset: January 8, 2015**

Friday, January 16, 2015 - 11:00 A.M.

**Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church**

151 Broadway

Newark, New Jersey 07104

**Officiating: Reverend Robert H. Taylor Sr.,  
Pastor**

## Obituary

### **Mezalee Peacock** Woman of Service

Mezalee Peacock was born Mezalee Suggs on January 8, 1921 to Moses and Mary Magdalene Suggs in Snowhill, North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, her parents relocated to Goldsboro, North Carolina where she attended elementary school and Dillard High School. A former Principal remembers her and her best friend and cousin, Essie Edwards as "singing mockingbirds". In her youth she was known for her flair for fashion, dancing and singing. After high school Mezalee married her soul mate, her one and only true love; Paul H. Peacock. They had five children together. In 1954 the family moved to Newark, New Jersey because of better economic opportunities. The Peacocks were married for 67 years before his passing in 2005.

Mezalee was a loyal, devoted wife, attentive mother and a fastidious homemaker! She always put her family first. Her Southern cooking skills were legendary, especially her homemade biscuits, pies, cornbread, buttered rolls and pineapple coconut cake. She not only fed the body but she also fed the soul.

Mezalee's church affiliation with Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church started in the late 1950's where she gained a reputation as a loyal and faithful servant of God. She was a Deaconess, class leader and member of many church auxiliaries including the Stewardess board, Hospital Help Committee, Chancel and Mass Choirs.

She also was an active participant in neighborhood and community affairs. Many of her friends, relatives, children, grandchildren and often her grandchildren's friends would flock to the "big grey house on the corner". They may have been seeking her help, advice or sometimes just a good home cooked meal. She was of service to her neighbors.

Always a lady, she instilled in others encouragement to "strive for perfection," or "be the best you can be," and to "always remember to put God first". Quiet and soft spoken, she stood firm, strong, rooted deeply in her faith and religion. Her word was her bond.

Mezalee Peacock, was predeceased by her husband, Paul Henry, two sons, Paul Leonard and William Lee, one brother, Andrew Calvin, and her parents. She leaves to cherish and honor her precious memory three daughters, Vivian Harris, Marlene Roper and Ameenah Brown; two sons-in-law, Richard W. Roper and Clement L. Brown; a brother, Rudolph Suggs; sister-in-law, Catherine Suggs; a sister, Jean V. Edwards of Goldsboro, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren, twenty-two great, great grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mezalee Peacock as the family Matriarch represented part of a legacy. She lived a life of service, to God and to humanity. She instilled those values in her children and grandchildren, a legacy and family tradition of being of service.

*Order of Service*

Processional

Invocation ..... Minister

Opening Hymn..... Clinton Memorial “Voices of Zion”

Scripture Reading ..... Grandchildren

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 .....Jelani Roper

New Testament - John 14: 1-4 .....Akil Roper

Minister’s Prayer of Comfort

Solo ..... Sahirah Johnson, Granddaughter

Resolutions/Acknowledgements/Reflections

Remarks ..... Mr. Nathaniel Johnson

Obituary ..... Thomas Johnson, Great Grandson

Selection ..... Clinton Memorial “Voices of Zion”

Solo

Eulogy..... Reverend Dr. William E. Kelly

Closing Hymn Family Tribute ..... “Going Up Yonder”

Recessional

**Interment**  
Fairmount Cemetery  
620 Central Ave.  
Newark, New Jersey 07107

*\*Repast following Service of Committal in Church Dining Room.*

**Just remembering.....**

“You meant everything to me, I’ll miss the meal times we had together and our conversations.”

Your daughter ...Vivian

“The whisper of the wind will always remind us of you, so will the warmth of the sun and the sky when it’s blue...This will let us know that you are finally at peace...and at one with God...”

Your family

“You were an inspiration to me.”

Granddaughter...  
Aneesah Muhammad

“As we sit and converse about our memories of you and your unquestionable devotion to God and your family we all unanimously agree that you were our Superwoman. We honor, respect, love and miss you with all of our hearts”

Thomas Johnson

“I thank you for the precious moments that you gave to me relating to your mom, when I think about them...I smile.”

Kathy Baker

“...and oh what a glorious reunion we had when we realized we were being each other!!”

(C. Wade)

Your daughter ... Ameenah

“I love you Sister, with all my heart.”

Jean Vernell

“ You were both my lighthouse and compass guiding my path with loving direction in a time when I was lost, You’re forever in my heart!!!”

nephew-son... Tim

**Pall Bearers—Grandsons**

Charlie Harris  
Michael Owens  
Akil Roper

Thomas Johnson  
Cowan Peacock  
Jelani Roper

*Acknowledgement*

We humbly thank you for the multitude of prayers and expressions of sympathy. May God Bless you all!!

The family of  
Mrs. Mezalee Peacock

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