Homegoing Celebration Honoring the Life of

> Sunrise October 25, 1928

> > Sunset May 19, 2015

# Lois Regina McCloud

"May The Work I've Done Speak For Me"

<u>Service</u> Tuesday, May 26, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church 1002 Rivington Street Roselle, New Jersey *Rev. Gilbert C. Young, Pastor* 

## Remembering Lois

*Lois Regina Woodard McCloud* was born in Dublin, Georgia on October 25, 1928 to the late, Julia Blackshear Woodard and Arthur Woodard, Sr. She moved with her family to Savannah, Georgia where she attended elementary school with her late brother, Arthur, Jr. until the sixth grade. In early 1940, the family moved to Roselle, New Jersey where she finished her elementary education at Lincoln Elementary School. In 1947, she graduated from Abraham Clark High School in Roselle.

After graduation, Lois was employed in the garment industry in Elizabeth, New Jersey. In 1955, she accepted a position with the Phoenix Jacket Manufacturing Company in Roselle.

Lois married George Rufus McCloud in 1958. This union was blessed with two children, Jeffrey and Regina, in addition to her son, Dorian F. Jones, from a previous marriage.

After working twenty-one years at the Phoenix Jacket Manufacturing Company, she retired in 1976. She devoted the next seven years to her family. Lois returned to the workforce in 1983 and was employed by the Union County Nutrition Program, better known as Meals on Wheels for eleven years, retiring in 1995.

At an early age, Lois attended Sunday school in Georgia where it was instilled in her to put God first in her life and with him, all things are possible. As a young adult, Lois joined Union Baptist Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey under the pastorate of the late Reverend Alexander A. Lewis. She later joined Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey under the pastorate of Reverend Richard Jordan. She was a member of the Womans' Department and Secretary of the Flower Ministry for over thirty-five years. The late Reverend Milton A. Byrd succeeded Pastor Jordan. She derived a great source of strength and encouragement and would be the first to tell you that through all of her life's disappointments, untimely trials and challenges, Pastor Byrd was there for her.

As a Christian woman and one of God's servants, she continued to do God's work and work in His vineyard with her many family and friends. She was instrumental in sponsoring the annual charity theatre and dinner church bus ride event.

On May 13, 2007, Lois received a plaque in appreciation for her many years of dedicated service as Secretary to the Flower Ministry of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church and a Certificate of Appreciation for her continued support, dedication and faithfulness on September 27, 2009.

Lois was known by her family and friends to have the "gift of gab" and was known as "Dorothy Dix" to them. She fulfilled her many dreams and looked forward to continue to do God's work, with God's arms around her. We salute her today and pray God's richest blessing for her glorious homecoming. As she would always quote, "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me."

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, Lois passed away peacefully at home.

Lois was preceded in death by her husband, George R. McCloud, son, Dorian F. Jones and grandson, Montau J. McCloud.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: her son, Jeffrey F. McCloud (Norma); daughter, Regina McCloud; grandchildren who were her pride and joy, Ashlee J., Candice L., and Sydney J. McCloud, Jada J. McBride; great-grandchildren, Kamyya, Jeremiah and Gianna; sisters-in-law, Rosalie Blackshear and Zelma Woodard; brothers-in-law, Edmond "Buster" McCloud (Gladys) and Felix "Sunny Boy" McCloud, Jr. (Lottie); her dear sister friend, Bernice Brantley and close friends, Barbara Grundy and Melissa Kilgore; aunts, uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, dear relatives and friends.

She will always be known as a woman with style, a woman with spirit and a woman with a gentle smile.

Lovingly submitted, The Family

Order of Service		
Organ Prelude		
Recessional		
A Parting View		
Musical Selection		Choir
Prayer of Comfort		
Scriptures		
	Old Testament - Psalm 23	
	New Testament - II Timothy 4:6-8	
Selection	"I Won't Complain"	Minister Barry Walker
Words of Comfort		Deacon West Coleman
	Deacon Michael	Norman and Melissa Kilgore
Selection	"Lord I Want You To Help Me"	Sister Louise Alford
Family Tribute		
Granddaughters Dedication		
Acknowledgement of Condolences & Reading of the Obituary		
Solo		Dwayne Jennings
		Worship Center, New Brunswick, NJ
Eulogy		
Processional		"I'll Fly Away"
	Interment Rosedale Memorial Cemetery Linden, New Jersey	
Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to Return to the Church for the Repast.		
Services Entrusted To:		

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC 206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203 www.ggwoodyfuneralhome.com

"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"

### Pallbearers Family and Friends of Lois Regina McCloud

## <u>Mommy</u>

Our Loving Mother Lord, You knew what you were doing, when you made our Mother. You knew you'd reached perfection, And could never make another. You had made a one-of-a-kind model. So you threw away the mold. You gave our mother the patience of a Saint, and a heart of pure gold! You gave her eyes that saw the good in anyone. You filled her soul with so much love, and compassion by the ton.

You gave her sympathetic ears, and such understanding too. She would always lend a helping hand, if there was something she could do Our mother was a special woman unlike no other She gave us life, nurtured us, taught us, Kissed us and fought for us, And most of all she loved us unconditionally. Those who loved her knew her worth. For when God created our Mother, he placed an Angel on this earth.

But then God looked around his garden and found an empty place He looked down upon the earth and saw your loving face He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest God's garden must be beautiful because he only takes the best There are not enough words to describe just how important our mother was to us And what a powerful influence she continues to be... Nanny, We Love You, Rest in Peace

#### Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You! ~The Family

