

Service of Love
for
Evelyn L. Meningall

July 22, 1935 - June 2, 2015



Monday, June 8, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church

15-21 Sanford Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Joseph Hooper, Pastor

Obituary

Evelyn L. Meningall

Evelyn, the daughter of the late Luella Powell Koonce and Early Koonce. She was born July 22, 1935 in Dothan, Alabama and moved with her family to New Jersey at a young age.

Evelyn received her education from the East Orange public school system and graduated from East Orange High School where she participated in the Acapella Choir, Glee Club, and the Spiritual Choir. Evelyn was selected for, and a member of, the New Jersey All State Chorus.

Evelyn received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Library Science from Wayne State University, and her Master's degree in Library Science from Rutgers University. Evelyn holds several State of N.J. certificates including Educational Media Specialist and Professional Librarian.

Evelyn retired from the Piscataway Board of Education in 1998, where she taught at Fellowship Farm, Grandview, Knollwood and Quibbletown Middle School. Evelyn served as Educational Media Specialist at Quibbletown Middle School for 18 years. As an Educational Media Specialist, she was charged with motivating and encouraging her students to read. She found that many of her students were not excited about reading, and that is when she began writing poems and short stories. Her poems have been published in "*The Educational Perspectives of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.*", "*Poetry's Elite: The Best Poets of 2000*", "*The Fires of Sunset*", to name a few. She is the author of three books: "*A Way of Life: An Anthology of Poems*", "*Reflections: A Collection of Poems*", and "*Black is a Way of Life*".

Evelyn married her high school sweetheart, Richard Meningall in January 1958. To this union were born three children, Dawn Richelle, Tracy Lynn and Richard Maurice. She resided in East Brunswick. She enjoyed reading, writing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Evelyn has five adorable grandchildren: Kimberly and Kayla Bryant, Tomika, Terrance and Thomas Hendricks, Jr. and an adorable foster grandson, Justin Foat: A brother, William H. Koonce, and a sister, Mary E. Patterson.

Evelyn was an active member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church of East Orange, NJ where she served as President of the Inspirational/Gospel Chorus, Vice President of the Scholarship Fund, and Coordinator of the Church's Archives.

Evelyn was involved with many organizations. She is a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, life member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., and the NAACP. She is also a life member of NEA and NJEA.

Evelyn has received many accolades for her accomplishments including "*Who's Who in America 57th and 58th edition*", "*Who's Who in American Women 2004-2005*", "*Who's Who in American Education 7th edition*", "*Who's Who in America 2008 edition*", "*Who's Who in Poetry*", and "*Who's Who in the World 2010 edition*".

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN “Blessed Quietness”

INVOCATION..... Rev. Dr. Leonard Santucci
Vernon Temple AME Church
South Hampton, Bermuda

HYMN “It Is Well”

SCRIPTURES..... Rev. Herman Wisdom

Old Testament

New Testament

SELECTION St. Paul Mass Choir

TRIBUTES..... Two minutes, please

OBITUARY Robin M. Patterson

SOLO Rev. Dr. Michael Eubanks
Bethel Baptist Church, Orange, NJ

EULOGY Rev. Dr. Joseph Hooper

RECESSIONAL..... “When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey

REPAST

*Following the Interment, family and friends will gather for a repast
in the Church Fellowship Hall*

Reflections

By Evelyn L. Meningall

As I look back over my life, and I start to think things over
I realize how fortunate I am to be a wife, mother, daughter, sister, and grandmother.
I cannot think of anything else I'd rather be. I care very deeply about my family,
And they have proven they care for me. One of the joys in my life is my husband.
He has always been my best friend. He was a wonderful dad to our children.
He was firm yet very fair, And always taught the children to share.
My mother was good and kind. A better mom you could not find.
She always practiced what she preached,
"To do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
This she instilled in her children. I am blessed to have children to love,
They have been a gift from God above.
I also have a sister and a brother, there is nothing we would not do for each other.
My grandchildren, I have five, have brought so much happiness in my life.
They each seem to know what to do and say, to brighten an otherwise gloomy day.
So, as I look back and regress, I know I am truly blessed.

Acknowledgement

Grateful for the richness of her life,
The kindness of her heart and the love of her friends,
The family of **Evelyn L. Meningall** thank you for all the
compassion and concern shown to us at her passing.
May the good Lord, who has welcomed Evelyn, bless you and your family.

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