

*Home Going Celebration*  
*Honoring the Life*  
*Of*

*Margaret Walker-McCaa Stradford*

*Alpha*

February 15, 1940

*Omega*

July 14, 2015



*Service*

Monday, July 20, 2015 ~ 11:00 am

***Greater Promise Baptist Church***

1241 Union Street, Linden, New Jersey

***Reverend Dr. Paul E. Young, Pastor***

***Reverend Zal Walton, Eulogist***



## *Afterglow*

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

Prayer of Comfort.....Jewel Lawson

Selection.....Choir

Scripture Reading  
 Old Testament.....Deacon Turner  
 New Testament.....Reverend Dr. Paul E. Young

Solo.....Azyah Haywood

Praise Dancing.....Takahar Young-Manuel

Poems.....Grandchildren: Lonnisha McCaa and  
 Tamyah Pegram

Reflections.....Deacon Larry Hawkins,  
 Ruth Ward and Jermaine Wright

Obituary.....Reverend Tomika Young

Solo.....Minister Randy Lawson

Eulogy.....Reverend Zal Walton

Selection.....Choir

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**Resting Place**  
 Rosehill Cemetery  
 Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends  
 are invited to the Repast located at American Legion Post  
 #229, 115 Grove Street in Roselle. Catering by  
 Leslie Coleman from Sam's BBQ & Fish.*

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*Services Entrusted To:*  
**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**  
 206 East Eighth Avenue • Roselle, NJ 07203  
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*"Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service"*



*Margaret Walker-McCaa Stradford* was one of twelve legendary Walker children. She was born at home in Aliceville, Alabama to the late David and Mae Lou Walker on February 15, 1940. Margaret lost her mother early in life and was raised by her father and eldest sister Viola “Big Momma.” Education and faith was a priority to her. She gained her education in the Aliceville Public School system. Her spiritual path began in Aliceville, Alabama; she was baptized at the New Wright Missionary Baptist Church. Margaret was a dedicated servant of God; she loved and called on the Lord and encouraged others to do the same.

Margaret was blessed and enjoyed her childhood growing up as a “country girl” in the south. She met and married Jerry McCaa and with this union six children were born. The family moved to Detroit, Michigan for some years before relocating to Roselle, New Jersey where they raised their family. Margaret was a member of Greater Promise Baptist Church in Linden.

Blessed with a large family and the love for children, it was fitting for her to work for the Borough of Roselle as a Crossing Guard for 15 years at Charles C. Polk Elementary School in Roselle. The children loved her and their safety was always her main priority. Previously, Margaret worked as a Machine Operator at a plastic company in Roselle, New Jersey for a number of years.

While living in Roselle with her family and some of her sisters and brothers, many memories, lessons, and relationships blossomed. She was a caring, sweet and kind woman who was known for opening her

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doors to family and friends. She had a generous heart and compassion for people. There was always space to welcome anyone. Margaret knew how to spread love whether you were close by or miles away. She enjoyed reading the Bible, gardening, sewing, listening to music, dancing, and watching her latest TV shows, "Family Feud" and "The Walking Dead." She especially loved cooking, and had a sweet tooth.

Margaret was blessed to find love again and married Moses Stradford, Sr. They enjoyed many wonderful blissful years together in Linden, New Jersey before his passing.

In her later years, she struggled with many health issues. Margaret proved to be stronger than her humanly afflictions by maintaining her faith and humbleness through her last days. Through it all she retained her sense of humor; she loved to see others smile. With the love and togetherness she instilled in her family, they all came together to watch over and care for her until the Lord called her home. Margaret transitioned peacefully at home with her family by her side on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Margaret was an amazing woman, wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend with a heart of gold.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Moses Stradford, Sr.; daughter, Henrietta McCaa; step-daughter, Andrea Stradford; 5 brothers: John-Albert, Joe Lee, Willie, Owen and Jimmie Lee Walker; and 4 sisters: Mary Evans, Angie Hood, Luretta Peterson and Inez Walker.

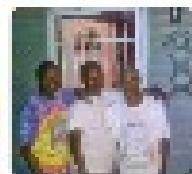
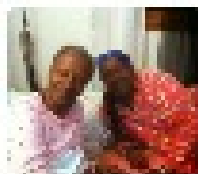
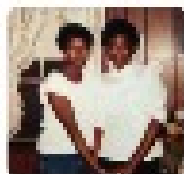
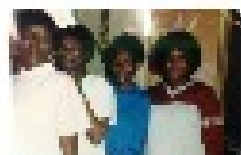
Margaret's kind and blessed spirit will continue in those surviving: her two sons, James Walker (Florence) of North Carolina, and Lonnie McCaa (Arlisha) of Rahway, New Jersey; three daughters: Theria Walker, Dianne McCaa-Haywood of Linden, New Jersey and Cynthia McCaa of Aliceville, Alabama; three step-children: Moses Stradford, Jr., Beverly Jones, and Byron Stradford; two sisters: Viola Walker and Helen (Luke Mobley) of Aliceville, Alabama; nine grandchildren: Terry Pegram, Brittney McCaa, Royal Haywood, Jatazz Walker, Ga'briell McCaa, Fa'Kea Walker, Lonnisha McCaa, Kanisha McCaa and Aleisha McCaa; four great-grandchildren: Tamyah Pegram, Azyah Haywood, Devontae Gibson, and Martez Gibson; god son: Jamaal Gosa; and god daughter: Shanaea Burnett. She will be greatly missed by all who have come to know her.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

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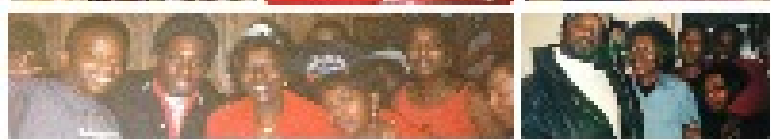
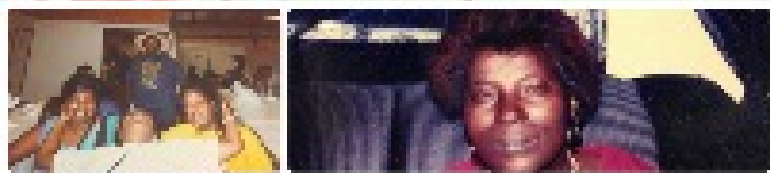
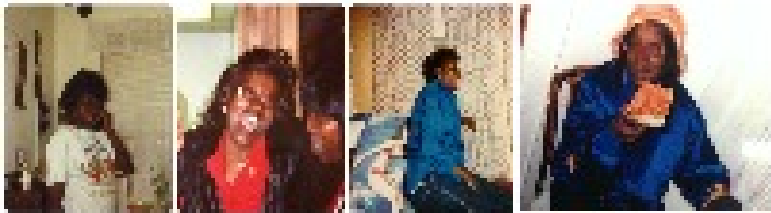


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## Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Margaret Walker-McCaa Stradford**



*You wonder why I went away and did not say goodbye  
I could not bear to tell you I hated to see you cry.  
My ship came in and beautiful it was to see for the Captain was  
King Jesus and he softly beckoned to me I ran across the leeway  
and  
fell down at his feet. He then took me gently in his arms and  
my rest is now complete.*

## Acknowledgements

The family of **Margaret Walker-McCaa Stradford** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

