

*Celebration of Life*  
*In the Memory of Beloved*  
*Josephine Bradley*

**Sunrise**  
*December 8, 1968*

**Sunset**  
*July 19, 2015*



Monday, July 27, 2015  
Viewing 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Service - 12:00 p.m.

**Emmanuel Church of Christ,  
Disciples of Christ**

*198 Summer Avenue • Newark, New Jersey*  
***Bishop Eugene Lee, Officiating***

## Reflections of Life

**Josephine Bradley** of Long Island, NY began her earthly journey on December 8, 1968 in Newark, NJ to her proud parents Calvin and Elglee. She started her education in the Newark Public School System. She attended Alexander Street School, graduating in June of 1983. After completing her elementary education she matriculated to Vailsburg High School where she graduated in June of 1987.

**Josephine** participated in and successfully completed the Co-Ed Training Program in Newark, NJ while attending high school. Upon her successful completion of this program, Josephine gained employment working in the Dietary Department at St. Mary's Hospital in East Orange, NJ for many years. In addition, she attended and graduated from the Early Childhood Program at Essex County College in Newark, NJ in the late 1990's. Josephine was a diligent worker and continued employment working in various food establishments such as: Burger King, Wendy's, Blue Moon Diner and Don's Diner. She loved to cook and eat good cooking. Later on, during the remaining years of her life, she attended school in New York to become a Certified Nursing Assistant where she successfully graduated and began working full time as a live-in CNA for clients. However, Josephine had a change in heart and decided to follow her first love, cooking. She was in the process of pursuing a career in Culinary Arts. Nevertheless, of all of her achievements, her greatest accomplishment was giving birth to her only child, her son, Michael Bradley whom she loved dearly.

**Josephine** began her spiritual journey at Pentecost Church of Christ in Newark, NJ under the leadership of the late Reverend and Elder Annie Allen. Later, she became a member of Bethel Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ in Newark, NJ. She continued visiting Bethel even after her relocation to Long Island, NY.

**Josephine** left an imprint on all who have had the pleasure of knowing her. She had an infectious smile and personality. She knew how to make you laugh and lighten the mood. She was a hard worker and a willing helper to anyone in need. She often helped with the elderly, handicapped and young children. She was compassionate and loved people, especially her family.

**Josephine** was preceded in death by her brother, Stacey Tyrone Bradley in 1989, a beloved nephew, Albert Bradley in 2004, and a great-niece, Crystal Horton in 2014.

**Josephine** leaves to fondly cherish her memory: her parents, Calvin and Elglee; a son, Michael Bradley; *seven* brothers, Benjamin, Barry, George, Andre, Calvin (Chanel) and Paul Bradley all of New Jersey, and Evangelist Vincent Bradley (Elder Sha'ron) of Philadelphia, PA; *eight* sisters, Pastor Rita Harden (Anthony), Angela Bradley-Hawkins (Robert), Letha Allie (Victor), Luemisher, Charlotte Jackson (Joe), Calvinora Sanders (Willis), Elglee Jr., and Elder Ericka Bradley-Jackson (Charles) all of New Jersey; *two* aunts, Thelma Fisher of Pennsylvania and Irma Branch of East Orange, NJ; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great nieces and great-great nephews, cousins and friends. She will truly be missed.

# Order of Service

Presiding- Elder Ericka Jackson

Musical Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Invocation

Hymn of Comfort

## **Scripture Reading**

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection ..... Bro. Charles Morgan

Acknowledgements/Reflections ..... Sis. Angela Bradley- Hawkins

Musical Selection

Message of Comfort ..... Bishop Eugene Lee  
*Bethel Church of Christ, Pastor*

Benediction ..... Bishop Eugene Lee

Recessional

### ~Interment~

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

### ~Repast~

*At the Church immediately following the Services*

## *I'm Sorry I Had to Leave*

I'm sorry I had to leave you,  
My loved ones, oh so dear  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.

### *Acknowledgements*

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