In Loving Manary of lis Trevalin Ramie

January 31, 1932 – July 25, 2015

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - 9:30 a.m. **The Rose of Sharon Community Church** 825 West 7th Street

825 West 7th Street Plainfield, New Jersey Bishop M. LaVern Ball, Pastor





Phyllis Trevalin Ramie, the first child of Joseph and Mildred Sobers was born on January 31, 1932. Her siblings followed in quick succession.

Marjorie Hall (Trinidad), Eversley Sobers (Deceased), George Sobers (Trinidad), Carlton Sobers (NY), Leotha James (NY), Merle Pattron (Trinidad), Atwell Sobers (Deceased), and Wayne Sobers (NJ).

She was handed the reins of the family at age 10 when her mother went into the hospital to deliver her sixth child. Phyllis, had to do the cooking and the baking for the family. She became the surrogate mother, taking her responsibilities seriously and never relinquished her position, which made her very well prepared for motherhood.

After high school, she decided to become a seamstress making clothes for the entire family. She loved to dress us up in her unique creations.

She later met and fell in love with her husband Andrew "Taffy" Ramie (Deceased) and married her beloved on November 1, 1959.

She became an instant mother to her husband's four children. (Lystra, Janice, Brenda and Ronald). Her own children soon followed and within five years she gave birth to her five beautiful babies. Roland, Cheryl, Larry, Andrew(deceased), and Dawn. Phyllis and Taffy enjoyed a happy marriage and brought up their children to reflect their values in a home that was always filled with joy and

laughter and good food. Sadly, in 1992, Taffy went home to Glory. Phyllis never remarried, continuing her devotion to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

When Phyllis arrived in the US in 1975, her tradition of caring others continued. "Mammie Phyllis" provided food and shelter for many young men and women as they made their transition into the U.S. Her home in Coney Island, which was affectionately called, "2929" was a welcome center in its own right, a well needed rest stop for anyone in need on their life's journey.

The Ramie Family grew into an empire in its own right consisting not only of her five biological children, but also some children whose parents were not around to care for them. Phyllis would go to the orphanages in Trinidad and sponsor children to spend the holidays with her family because she knew they had no place to go on Christmas, and especially during summer vacation. Everybody looked up to "Mammie Phyllis", "Grandma Phyllis", "Ma Ramie" or her newly favorite title given to her by her great grand kids, "Gigi". She was everyone's wise but tough adviser. She wrapped everything she did with unconditional love and her motherly warmth. When she smiled at you, there was a feeling of coming home. It said, "don't worry, it will be ok."

She was the life of the party, and the snappiest dresser. She had a great sense of style along with a great sense of humor. She will always be loved and respected by friends and family and anyone who was blessed to know her.

Today we feel lost without her. But if we stop and listen, we can still hear her voice stored in our memories, we can see her smile with our internal mind, we can still feel the warmth of her love and her smile. We can still remember the last meal we ate that she prepared, especially her homemade bread.

SHE WAS A PHENOMENAL WOMAN!!

As she entered the pearly gates of Heaven, she is happily greeted by her beloved husband, Taffy; her parents Joseph and Mildred; her son Andrew; and her brothers Eversley and Atwell. They welcomed her with open arms knowing she had lived a good life, followed God's Commandments and proud to be among the angels in Heaven.

Phyllis' legacy has now been turned over to her survivors:

4 Children: Roland, Cheryl, Larry, Dawn

14 Grandchildren: Jerome, Jamal, Andrew, Michael, Clint, Crystal, Nicole, Larry Jr., Djorn, Shakira, Kadija, Khadeem, Kevin & Kiana

21 Great Grandchildren: Tayari, Tavian, Abby, Kayla, Jahziel, Isaiah, Adam Jr, Janae, Javin, Bella, Laila, Maddison, Jaiden, Malia, Genese, Kyree, Aniyah, Elijah, Josiah, Joshua, unborn baby (Kadija).



Opening Processional Clergy
Opening HymnCongregation
Prayer Of ComfortRev. Mae Belin
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalms 23Tayari & Tavian Ramie
New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-15Kayla Flora & Janae Pruden
Musical SelectionDwayne Sobers
Acknowledgement & CardsMaria Ramie
Reading of ObituaryLeotha James
Musical SelectionTina Maree & Joseph Sobers
Moments of ReflectionMembers of the Family
Minister Remarks
Musical Selection Calvarina Nwachuku
Message of ComfortRev. Mae Belin

Recessional



by Kevin Hackshaw

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Just the mention of your name brings on variation of smiles and terms of endearment from anyone who has ever met you. What follows is befitting of a Queen. Wow! such a compliment, such an accomplishment. How appropriate a word for what you mean to me. Queen!! Someone who sits on a throne, head

of her kingdom, that's our very own Matriarch, my grandma Phyllis. You are mother to us all, you give to everyone you encountered. A piece of your heart has been sprinkled a million times over to sustain the community of leaders you put into place. Our job is to make sure the village remains strong for the next generation. Queen, you have created a network of workers whose sole purpose is to make sure that what you have done is not in vain. As those workers we are glad to preserve the love you so openly shared with us. You have shown us that no matter what life throws at us, the will to overcome will push us through. Your sheer drive and determination is our catalyst for this tribute to you today. You always kept us on the straight and narrow. You never let us carry self doubt. You are the glue that bonds us together and without you where would we be? These are just a few of the values and beliefs that you have instilled in us from birth. Queen, we value what you have to say, we value what you have done for us and we absolutely value what you stand for. You stood up with your crown of grace and dignity and fought every objection and obstacle in your way. To you, life wasn't just about yourself and what you're going through. It's about what we ALL are going through as a family. We are an extension of you, we represent you Queen. How can we give back a portion of what you have given us? How do we give back to you other than giving you the very thing you gave us?

Love, unconditional love!!! You pray we can live and love the way you did, with a measure of the confidence and grace you exuded on a daily basis.

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