

In Loving Memory
of
Gloria Jean Finnie-Legay

Sunrise
December 3, 1940

Sunset
September 11, 2015



Friday, September 18, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
597 Bergen Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Hymn of Praise..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-16Rev. Eli D. Smith
Siloh A.M.E. Zion Church, Staten Island Ave, N.Y.

New Testament - Matthew 18-19Rev. Thelman Gattis
St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church Cliffwood, N.Y.

Prayer of Comfort..... Robert Venable

Solo..... Sister Lily Fleming

Proclamations

Selections..... A.W. Mapp Choir
Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church

Resolutions

Remarks

Obituary.....Melissa Belton Banks

SelectionA.W. Mapp Choir
Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. George W. Maize

Selection..... “Is Is Well With My Soul”

Recessional



INTERMENT

Memorial Park Southwoods • Memphis, Tennessee

Immediately following the interment the family invites you for a repast in the Fellowship Hall.

Obituary

Mrs. Gloria Jean Finnie Legay was born December 3, 1940 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Phillip Finnie Sr., and Daisy Greene Finnie. She departed this life on Friday, September 11, at the Jersey City Medical Center.

In Memphis, she attended the Hyde Park elementary school and graduated from Manassas High School. She continued her studies at LeMoyné- Owens College, Memphis, TN and graduated with B.A. in 1962. She received her Master's in Education at the New Jersey City University in 1986.

Upon graduation from college, Gloria volunteered for the United States Peace Corp. She was the first African American from Western Tennessee to join. The Peace Corp was one of the memorable highlights in Gloria's life. She served two years in Jamaica and that experience encouraged her to travel extensively. Gloria visited Ghana, Togo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Puerto Rico, and many South American countries.

After serving in the Peace Corp, Gloria relocated to New York City and secured a position at Lincoln Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey. Seeking advancement, she accepted a position with the New York City Board Of Education. She taught at P.S. 137, on the lower east side of Manhattan for over thirty years. She retired in 2005.

While living in New York, Gloria met Nathaniel B Legay. On December 22, 1973, in Memphis, TN, they were married. After their wedding they purchased a home and moved from New York to Jersey City, NJ. On October 15, 1976, their son, Nathaniel Saye Legay Jr. was born. Gloria was thrilled when her family increased due to the marriage of Saye to Janet Matthews. Her thrill was even greater when her grandchild, Zuri Legay, was born.

In 1974 Gloria joined her husband and became a member of Metropolitan AME Zion Church, in Jersey City, under the pastorate of the late, Rev. Dr. Andrew Wesley Mapp. She was a very active member and joined the Christian Education Department where she worked tirelessly with the youth. She was the Superintendent of Sunday School; a member of Stewardess Board #2; a Missionary; a member of Ruth Montgomery's Class and enjoyed attending the Sunday School classes taught by Mrs. Catherine Maize.

While at Metropolitan, her husband Nathaniel experienced the call to ministry. He was ordained and assigned to Drucilla AME Zion Church in Chesterfield, South Carolina. Gloria was supportive of his ministry and together they moved to Patrick, South Carolina. They served there for 6 years before returning to New Jersey.

Gloria was an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha and Tau Gamma Delta sororities. She was also an active member of the Jersey City Branch of the NAACP, even becoming a life time member. Gloria ran for and won the position of Jersey City Ward F committee woman.

Gloria loved The Lord. She intensely studied the Bible, and applied it to her life. She was a prayer warrior. She did not hesitate to pray for anyone who needed prayer. She loved people and people loved her. She never met a stranger. She was the essence of joy, happiness, and love. She will be greatly missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 42 years, Rev. Nathaniel B Legay; her son Nathaniel Legay Jr., one daughter in-law; Janet Matthews, one granddaughter; Zuri Legay, one sister in-law; Mary Finnie, five nieces; Rita McKinney, Carla Denise Davis, Massa Jaiah, Bendu Jaiah, and Ziluo Jaiah, one Nephew; Anthony Davis, 12 first cousins Danny Greene, Tonya Greene, Malcom Greene, Sylvester Greene, Flora Epps, Ann Ambrose, Estelle Edwards, Lillie Morris, Larmia Ambrose, Bobby Greene, Sandy Greene Jr., Karen Greene, one beloved cousin in-law; Gwen Greene, and her church family and friends.

G
L
O
R
I
A

J
E
A
N

F
I
N
N
I
E

L
E

G
A
Y

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.*

*Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

Professional Services Provided By

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

130 Main Street
Orange, NJ
973-675-6400

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ
973-926-6400

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME

37 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, NJ
201-433-1000

www.honoryou.com

