

In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Gloria M. Parker

Sunrise
June 13, 1928

“Mom”

Sunset
October 1, 2015



Saturday, October 24, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

“The Memory of the just is blest”
at

GLORY GOSPEL CHURCH

122 Vreeland Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey 07504

Rev. Dwight Blackwell, Officiating

Reflections of Life

“**Sis Parker**”, as she was affectionately known, was the fourth of eight children born to Alfred and Laura Henry.

She was born Gloria Henry on June 13, 1928 in Mile Gully, St. Mary in Jamaica, West Indies. She was also known as “Berniece” when she attended Mantangos Secondary School in St. Mary.

In 1959, she surrendered her heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and attended Victory Gospel Hall in Jamaica. She was a very active and involved Christian and took great pride in cleaning her church and made sure everything was in order. She had the evangelistic gift of handing out gospel tracts while traveling on the bus and encouraged young people to turn their hearts over to Jesus.

It was while she was in Kingston that she met the love of her life, one Radley Parker, they were married in 1962 and their union produced a son, Derrick Parker.

She worked at Nattal Hospital, Cross Roads, Kingston before migrating to these United States in 1989.

After settling in Paterson, New Jersey, Sister Parker worked diligently as a domestic helper.

She started attending Glory Gospel Church and shortly thereafter she was extended the “Right Hand of Fellowship” she conducted herself with such sobriety that she was quickly revered as a “Church Mother, a Daughter of Zion and a Woman of Faith. Many Sunday mornings she could be seen, first attending Adult Sunday School and then she would make breakfast for the Sunday School children. She always resided with her son, Derrick and family until the Lord called her home.

Sis Parker leaves to cherish precious and wonderful memories: her youngest brother, Praddy in Jamaica, West Indies; her son, Derrick Parker; daughter-in-law, Patricia Parker; grandchildren, Tara and Derrick Jr.; and a host of relatives, church family and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Sentences	Pastor Dwight Blackwood
Hymn #37.....	<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i>
Scripture	Psalm 54
Prayer of Comfort	Deacon Trevor Streete
Remembrances	Deacon Arthur Waite Derrick Parker, Jr.
Hymn #500	<i>“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”</i>
Reflections of Life	Deacon Trevor Chin
Special	<i>“I Sing Because I’m Happy”</i>
Homily	Pastor Damion Barrett
Hymn #498	<i>“When We All Get To Heaven”</i>
Benediction	Pastor Dwight Blackwood



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Gloria M. Parker** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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