

In Loving Memory of

Annie Ruth Underwood

Sunrise

February 22, 1928

Sunset

October 31, 2015



Friday, November 6, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

145 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Marti Robinson, Officiating

Bacote Best, Organist

Reflections of Life

Annie Ruth Underwood was born on February 22, 1928 in Marion, Perry County, Alabama to the late Martha Alice McCarroll and Jimmie Warren. After a long illness she departed this life on October 31, 2015.

Throughout her journey in life, it was Annie's to offer love. Affectionately known as Ruth, and aware of her destiny, in 1940 she moved to Birmingham, Alabama to pursue work so she could contribute to the family's finances in those difficult economic times. During the Civil Rights Era, she exhibited her love for the community by attending rallies, providing food, and opening up her home as shelter for the Freedom Fighters. In 1968, she relocated to Passaic, NJ to be with her beloved brothers, and to explore more opportunities. Upon her arrival in Passaic, she continued to extend a helping hand to anyone in need, always ending her good-byes with "I Love You."

She was employed by Becton-Dickson for more than 20 years. She was also employed by the Hamilton Plaza Nursing Home Passaic and the Beth Israel Hospital Passaic as a Home Health Aide.

Her faith in God was reinforced when she became a member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church Passaic, where she diligently served as a member of the Culinary Auxiliary, and laundered the linen for the Altar area.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Alfred Underwood; her parents, Martha Alice McCarroll and Jimmie Warren; two brothers, Alfred McCarroll and Paul McCarroll; and a grandson, Quenzelle Mickle.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, two daughters, Odessa (Chet) Underwood of Passaic, NJ, and Kernie (Robert) King of Paterson, NJ; one son, Johnny Underwood of Passaic, NJ; one brother, Marvin (Martha) McCarroll; two grandchildren, Damarcus King and Alanna King; three great grandchildren, Jaheim Mickle, Jaiti Mickle and Isaiah Chase; special friends, Lillian Page, Gladys Weems and Lonnie Pennie; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn.....“Eyes On The Sparrow”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Marti Robinson

Scripture Reading.....1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
John 14:1-3

Song of Comfort.....Brittany Watkins Coleman

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Prudena Price

Words of Comfort.....Dea Benson
May Watkins

Reflections of Life.....Tonya McCarroll

Song of Comfort Tracy Freeman

Message of Comfort.....Rev. Marti Robinson

Song of Celebration.....“Going Up Yonder”

Recessional

Interment

Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

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 **Annie Ruth Underwood** 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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