

*Celebration of Life
for
Mother*

Esther Evelyn Oates Troublefield



Alpha
October 5, 1931

Omega
November 7, 2015

Service

Friday, November 13, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL CHURCH OF CHRIST DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
534 Gates Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11221
Elder Aaron Owens, Pastor

Order of Service

Presider.....Elder Mark Moses
New Life Church of Christ

Processional.....The Family

Invocation

Selection.....Missionary Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Job 19:25-26..... Rev. Stanley Shannon, Union Baptist Church

New Testament: St. John 14:1-6Minister Tonya L. Taylor, First Step Ministry

Prayer of ComfortBishop Leonard Brown
Antioch Church of Christ

Selection.....Missionary Choir

Acknowledgement of Condolences and Resolutions

Pearlie A. Grant ~ First Step Ministry

Remarks.....Dr. Dorothy Lewis, Pastor, First Step Ministry
Rev. Lonnie Franklin Oates, Brother, St. Phillips Church

ObituaryMinister Sonja Freeman
First Step Ministry

Solo..... Joanne Moses Sosoo

EulogyGeneral Bishop MacDonald Moses
Mt. Hebron Church of Christ

Final Viewing

Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Troublefield Family Cemetery Newton Grove, North Carolina</p>
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**Repast immediately following funeral service*

The Life of Mother Esther Troublefield

Esther Evelyn Oates Troublefield was the second child born on October 5, 1931 to Jodie and Rosanna Oates. She received her education in Sampson County, North Carolina, attending Little Field and White Oak Elementary Schools and Sampson County Training High School.

She met and married Albert Lennis Troublefield (deceased). They migrated to Brooklyn, New York for a better life. Esther was employed at Cascade Laundry for many years. She later became a Home Health Care Attendant. Years afterwards, she became a permanent babysitter at home for the community and most of her grandchildren. She did not believe in leaving a small child with anyone but family until that child was old enough to tell if someone had mistreated them. The stories that can be told about her and each grandchild will be precious memories forever to the family. She was an excellent baker. Her specialties were Pineapple Upside Down and Japanese Fruit Cakes.

Esther loved the Lord and joined Antioch Church of Christ under the leadership and founding pastor, Bishop Lander E. Brown where she was a dedicated and faithful member. She was a nurse, an usher, member of the choir and church secretary. Later in life, she joined First Step Ministry under the leadership of Pastor, Dorothy Lewis where she remained until called home by the Lord. There she served as a member of the choir, president of the Home Mission and later became a Mother of the church.

She leaves to celebrate her life **seven children**: Brenda (Carl), Patricia, James (Hattie), Craig (Sonja), Michael, Karen (Brian-deceased) and Andrea; **twenty grandchildren**: Michelle, Timothy, Vivian, Avery, Carol, Jr., Chantal, Steven, Vidal, Jamie, Deion, Aubrey, Kaitlin, Jasmine, Brian, Brianna, Jordan, Nataya, Michael, Chanel, Kenneth; **twenty great grandchildren**: Dartanyon, Izan, Zaniya, Darius, Darren, Xavier, Noel, Noah, D'naysia, Mahkai, Soleigh, Kamryn, Dori, Tori, James III, Olivia, Claire, Dalvin, Mina and Kou; **one brother**: Rev. Lonnie Franklin Oates; **one aunt**: Novella Fowler; **one brother-in-law**: Carol; **three sisters-in-law**: Matilee, Lureatha and Octavia; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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Tribute to Mother

You painted no Madonnas
on chapel walls in Rome
But with a touch divine
you lived one in your home

You wrote no lofty poems
that critics counted art
But with a nobler vision
you lived them in your heart

You carved no shapeless marble
into some high soul design
But with a finer sculpture
you shaped these souls of ours

Oh, what a rare Madonna
your life was to us

**From: Brenda, Patricia, James,
Craig, Michael, Karen, Andrea**

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to thank each one for whatever you did to console our hearts at this time of bereavement. We are so grateful to Mrs. Rosie Ortiz, her Home Care Attendant of fifteen years and MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care for their love and kindness. We are undoubtedly going to miss her. A few times ships sailed by and she waved them on, but when the **Master** sent **His** ship (the one she had been waiting for), she boarded without hesitation to her heavenly home to rest in peace forever, where every day is like Sunday's Best. May God bless each of you!

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