



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Mary E. Jefferson*

*Sunrise*  
*August 4, 1945*

*Sunset*  
*December 22, 2015*

*Monday, December 28, 2015 - 1:00 p.m.*

**WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"**

163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Mary Ethel Jefferson**, born August 4, 1945 in Nashville, NC. Daughter of Berta Melissa Davis and Lonnie Davis.

Mary graduated with honors from Staulding High School in Spring Hope, NC, and then moved to New Jersey and worked at Doopes in East Orange, NJ where she met Ellis Jefferson. She worked for an Insurance company before she became a Librarian for PSE&G in Newark, NJ.

Mary was married to Ellis Jefferson on June 17, 1965. Their union was blessed with two children: Felicia Whitsett (Eric) and Zuwena Tatu (Frank), with four grand children: Andre, Nichole, Tiffany and Lexi. Mary came from a large family and was the baby of eight siblings.

Mary was a loving mother, wife and friend who loved Bingo, playing scratch-offs and spending time with her family. Her warm smile and soft voice will always be remembered.

Mary was called home on December 22, 2015, and she leaves to mourn many family members.

**Mary was my Strength and Love, Now and Always.**  
**Ellis**

*From Your Children and Grand Children:*

*The narrow road we've chosen to follow may sometimes make us stumble, but to have a mother, grandmother and friend to catch our fall, teaches all of us to be humble. The Lord gave us a mother, grandmother and friend, though many friends came and went The Lord gave much more than we've ever asked, for she is the mother, grandmother and friend He sent.*

**You will be forever in our hearts.**

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Sir Joshua Nelson

Seating of the Family

Hymn of Consolation.....SuSu Montgomery

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....SuSu Montgomery

Acknowledgements and Remarks

Obituary

Selection.....Sir Joshua Nelson

Eulogy.....Rev. Dwight D. Gill  
New Hope Baptist Church • East Orange, New Jersey

Recessional

## Interment

Spring Hope Memorial Gardens  
Spring Hope, North Carolina

# *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 **Mary E. Jefferson** would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you and may God Richly bless you.*

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