



Celebrating The Life of
Naomi
Burks

December 1, 1927 - January 15, 2016

Service

Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

WORD OF FAITH MINISTRIES
37 East Walnut Street • Colonia, NJ 07067
Reverend Bernard J. Weathers, Officiating

Obituary

Naomi was born in Lyons, Georgia on December 1, 1927 to Elige and Annie McNear. As a young girl, Naomi was relocated to Jersey City, NJ where she lived with her father, Elige and step-mother Ida McNear and two brothers, William and Jerome.

In 1947, Naomi married Edwin Burks in Newark, NJ. Their union resulted in the birth of a daughter, Lydia Karen, in 1954.

Naomi worked as an insurance adjuster and rater for Colonial Insurance Company of New Jersey, and retired from Chubb Insurance Company in 1991 after 25 years as a supervisor. Not content to be idle, she began working at Jewish Vocational Services in 1993, serving as a receptionist and switchboard operator until 2012.

Naomi loved traveling, spending time with family, exercise, cooking, watching the news, world events, watching the political pundits on Sunday morning while reading the newspaper, and most importantly, adding her own opinion.

Naomi extended her passionate and generous spirit to other areas of importance to her. Sensitive to the needs of the elderly, she devoted much of her free time to assisting elderly neighbors and family with everything from running errands, taking them to church, and preparing food, to dressing them, and braiding and washing their hair.

Ever the dedicated mother, grandmother, loyal friend and family member, Naomi remains alive and cherished in the hearts of her daughters, Lydia Palmer and Betty Holloway; four grand-daughters, Tonia Holloway, Chermayne Gaines, Jokia Davis and Dawn Palmer; nine great grandchildren, her brothers, Jerome King and Charles Spikes; her sister, Annie Ruth Wing, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. She is preceded in her homegoing by her father, Elige Mc Near, her mother, Annie Fluker, and her brother, William McNear.

Order of Service

Invocation Reverend Cynthia A. Williams

Greeting Reverend Bernard J. Weathers

Scripture Reading Taylor Brown

Obituary Carter Adkins IV

Remembrances and Reflections Chermayne Gaines

Eulogy Reverend Bernard J. Weathers

Selection

Closing Prayer Reverend Cynthia A. Williams

*“Each of us will one day be judged by
our standard of life, not by our
standard of living- by our measure of
giving, not by our measure of wealth.
We will be judged by our simple
goodness, not by our seeming greatness.”*

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to all those who have
provided support and encouragement during our bereavement.*

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