



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Josephine Elizabeth Graves*

Sunrise  
March 16, 1926

Sunset  
January 20, 2016

*Service*  
*Wednesday, January 27, 2016 - 12:00 Noon*

**Whigham Funeral Home**  
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Josephine Elizabeth (née Parham) Graves**, went to her final resting place on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The youngest daughter of the late Clara (nee Turner) and Charles P. Parham, born March 16, 1926 in Petersburg, Virginia.

Josephine was joined in marriage for almost sixty-one years to the late Ulysses Simpson Graves Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory three children, Jo Ann Graves Brown, Karen Graves Rucker (husband Donald), Paul Ulysses Graves (wife Jacqueline). She leaves six grandchildren, Jarrid (wife, Bilynda), Takiyah (husband Kewuhn) Talon (wife Jarvonna), Owen, Yasin (fiancee, Leandra), Maya; ten great grandchildren with a new to arrive shortly as well as her favorite niece, Gloria.

A resident of Newark for more than sixty years, Josephine was a dedicated School Aide at Peshine Avenue School. Employed there for twenty-five years where she was loved and respected by the students and her peers.

Josephine will be beloved and remembered for her dedication as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her children always knew that she would always be there for them no matter what even if it meant administering some “tough love”. They always knew they could call Mom no matter what the hour or what the problem. Her dry wit kept many on their toes and in stitches with laughter.

Prior to failing vision, she was an avid reader, always found with a book in hand. Josephine also enjoyed doing puzzles, crosswords and word search books which kept her mind sharp. She loved classical music and the balladeers of old. Her favorite being Johnny Mathis.

She will be missed by her family and all who knew and loved her. The family would like to thank all friends and extended family for their love and support during this difficult transition.

# Order of Service

Musical Selection ..... Pam Brooks

Greeting

Prayer of Comfort/Scripture Reading ..... Kewuhn Williams

Obituary, Poem and Acknowledgement

Eulogy ..... Family

Remembrances and Reflections

Musical Selection ..... Pam Brooks

*Repast  
14 Warren Road  
Maplewood, New Jersey*

## *I'll Be Seeing You*

I'm at rest, so don't cry,  
It'll be easier as time goes by.  
I've done my best to live a good life,  
For I knew if I did I would be with God.  
As my body lies here, it's only a shell  
God has called me home  
and my job I've done well.  
Know I'm happy and very content  
For the things I've done wrong, I repent.  
As I see your face, that makes me sad.  
But I have made it, for that I am glad.

You know and I know that it's hard on earth.  
So you shouldn't cry at death, but at birth.

I have no worries, pain or fears.

Because I'm with God, so dry your tears.

I love you all and this is what I want you to do:  
Put God first in your life. And I'll be seeing you.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Family of Josephine Elizabeth Graves would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards, calls and Facebook posts extended to them during the hours of bereavement. May God Bless and keep you in His tender loving care.*

Video montage and music by grandson, Owen Rucker

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