

*Celebration Of Life For*  
*Ms. Katie Rose Sharpe*

**Sunrise**  
September 19, 1944

**Sunset**  
January 20, 2016



*Saturday, January 30, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**HOUSE OF PRAYER C.O.G.I.C.**

138 Hickory Street

Orange, New Jersey

*Pastor Clarence Williams, Officiating*

## Obituary

In the early morning of January 20, 2016, **Rose** quietly slipped away. Rose was born on September 19, 1944 to the late Lillie Mae Marrow and Joseph Elam, in Vance County, N.C.

Rose moved to Newark, NJ at an early age, she began her primary education in Vance County, NC. She finished her schooling in the Newark Public School System, where she was later employed for twenty-eight years before she retired.

Rose loved the Lord and devoted her life to serving him. In her early youth, she accepted Christ as her Saviour under the ministry of Bishop Frank Garris. She joined his church and stayed active there, ushering and singing in the choir.

In the 70's, Rose formed a group named the "Voices of Distinction," and was very well known in Newark, she also started a children's group called the "Busy Bees."

Rose attended the Eastern Bible School where she studied general Bible I, and II. She received her evangelism certificate from that school.

Rose always sung in community choirs and with different churches, even singing with the New Jersey Mass Choir where she joined the United Community Ensemble.

Rose did backup singing for people like Paul Anka and Dorothy Norwood in places like Red Bank, NJ; Trenton, NJ; Waldorf Astoria Caesars in Atlantic City and the Waterbury Palace Theater, and she also joined the Senior Citizens Choir of East Orange. She came to the House of Prayer C.O.G.I.C. In the early 90's.

Rose married the late Arthur Lee Sharpe Sr. in July of 1961. From this union they had seven children who she leave to grieve. Cathy Davis, (Eugene Davis), Belinda Sharpe, Kimberly Sharpe Waldron (Mark Waldron), Lillie Sharpe all of East Orange, NJ. Arthur Lee Sharpe Jr (Gwen) of Hillside, NJ. Kenneth Sharpe, the late Stacey of Belleville, NJ. and Anthony Sharpe Sr. (Evelyn) of Irvington, NJ. 9 Grandchildren Michael Sharpe, Sheena Sharpe, Jasmine Sharpe, Anthony Sharpe Jr., Chelsea Sharpe, Devin Sharpe, Danielle Sharpe, Kodie Sharpe, Collin Sharpe Waldron, 5 great grandchildren, 2 sisters Lizzie A. Durham of East Orange and Hattie L. Cooper of Orange.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, two sisters and her husband of 41 years, Arthur Lee Sharpe Sr.

Rose had a quiet demeanor. Her favorite scripture was Proverbs 12:1-2. *Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish. A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.*

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Officiating..... Elder Dennis Peterson

Processional

Selection..... Norhreena Thomas - "I am Thine O' Lord"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Mother Frances Scott Baker

New Testament ..... Evangelist Carry McCray

Prayer of Comfort..... Deacon Kenneth Freeman

Selection..... Candice Dixon - "The Rose"

Remarks and Reflections.....(2 minutes each please)

Obituary.....Sister Dolores Peterson

Selection..... Pastor Gail Squire - "Walk Around Heaven"

Eulogy.....Pastor Clarence Williams

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

### ***Repast***

*Immediately following burial*

*150 Lincoln Street, East Orange, NJ 07017*

*(corner of Melmore Gardens)*

# *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*



## **Pall Bearers**

Elbert L. Cooper Jr.    Peter Sharpe Jr.  
Marcus McCargo      Larry McCargo  
Don Marrow            Keith Downing Sr.

## *Acknowledgement*

The Sharpe family would like to acknowledge with great appreciation the expressions of kindness, love and support extended to us. Our mother was a wonderful person and through the memories that she gave each of us, she will live forever in our hearts. May God abundantly bless each and every one of you.

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