

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a dark blazer and a light-colored skirt, is sitting on a large, fluffy pink and white cloud. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the top left corner, there is a large, shiny silver ribbon tied into a bow. The background is a soft, glowing sky with pink and white clouds and some sparkling light effects.

Homegoing Celebration For

Hattie Ruth Cooper Lyons

Sunrise
March 20, 1940

Sunset
February 19, 2016

Service

Thursday, February 25, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church

91 Division Street • Elizabeth, New Jersey

Rev. Steffie Bartley, Officiating

Reflections of Life

On Friday, February 19, 2016, our hearts were deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved **Hattie Ruth Lyons**, in Linden, NJ while in the loving care of her granddaughter, Latasha Acosta. Hattie Ruth Lyons, better known as Ruth, was born March 20, 1940 in Edgecombe County, NC where she spent her childhood years.

In the 60's she came to New Jersey and resided in Elizabeth where she joined New Hope Memorial Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir, the usher board and various other church activities. She was a volunteer at St. Joseph's Coaliton and she worked tirelessly as a machine operator for decades before retirement. Ruth was an extremely humble person. She was selfless, kind, hard working and generous. She would give a helping hand whenever asked and opened her heart and home to all. She enjoyed traveling, dancing, music (particularly Al Green) and most of all cooking.

Ruth also was an active member at St. Paul's Church in Elizabeth, until she became ill. She was the core of her family and will be missed tremendously.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Hattie Cooper, three brothers, William Henry, James Cooper and Eddie Cooper, and her sister, Clara L. Bullock. She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Gwendolyn Muhammed (Ishmail) of Rahway, NJ; three sons, William S. Lyons, Antonio Lyons (Jacquelyn), and Derrick L. Lyons (Alnisa) all of Elizabeth, NJ; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also two sisters, Viola C. Nelson of Prince George, VA, and Susie M. Tann (Norman) of Raleigh, NC, and two brothers, Willie L. Cooper (Rev. Yvonne) of Elizabeth, NJ and Julius Cooper (Evelyn) of Plainfield, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other friends and relatives.

II Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings Minister Brian Johnson
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Bill Johnson

Selection Minister Ian Johnson

Acknowledgements
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Steffie Bartley

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

I Have A Place In Heaven

I have a place in heaven
Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place
Away from pain and tears.
It's far away from hunger
And hurt and want and pride,
I have a place in Heaven
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly life can go,
But Paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know.
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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