

*Homegoing and Lifetime
Achievement Celebration*

Lillian D. Page

Sunrise
May 4, 1921

Sunset
February 19, 2016



Saturday, February 27, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

145 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Marti Robinson, Pastor

Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell, Officiant

Bro. Robert Stephens, Minister of Music

Reflections of Life

Lillian D. Page was the matriarch of Burgess Place; she was a confidant, wife, mother, friend, sister and doting grandmother and great grandmother – but the first thing her friends and family will tell you is that she never forgot where she came from and how far she had come.

“Mizz Page” as she was affectionately called, was born in Beckly, West Virginia to Harry and Idell Saunders on May 4, 1921. She frequently told the story of how, as a child growing up, she only saw her mother one-day a week because her mother was a homemaker for another family; this undoubtedly shaped her work ethic and drive at an early age. Lillian formed an unbreakable bond with her sisters during her childhood; a bond that loosened with the passing of each sibling but was not only reformed but eternally knotted together when she joined them in heaven on February 19, 2016.

Lillian attended East High School in Columbus, Ohio and worked in the area. In 1947, she moved to Passaic, New Jersey where she met her future husband, Chester Page Sr. They married in 1948 and from that union one child was born; Chester A. Page Jr. The life Lillian created with her soul mate was not left without challenges; she fought many illnesses as a child and was stricken with different illnesses throughout her adult life. She relied on the Lord for her strength and knew, without a shadow of doubt, her life was deliberate and she was here to make a meaningful and profound difference in the lives of others.

After laboring at ITT Industries for 37 years, Lillian retired early and settled into the pleasant space of caring for her only granddaughter, Saideh. She spent the next chapter of her life ensuring that Saideh was educated properly and was well-mannered; she never backed down from challenges from anyone who questioned her dedication to her granddaughter.

Lillian lived on the telephone and enjoyed playing bingo and often attended Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church’s Senior Saturday’s where she met up with her sister’s in law and other friends as they shared simple yet meaningful moments together. She baked her famous pound cake every weekend – even if there was ½ a cake left from the week prior. She was active in church even when she was unable to attend in her later years. Lillian spent a considerable amount of time in Jersey City with her lifelong friend Marie Newberry as they studied genealogy together. Each month she proudly shared more and more information on the history of her family and the plight of African Americans in the United States. Lillian was a life-long learner and read the newspaper every day until she was unable to do so.

Lillian was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Chester; her brothers Leslie and Ray and her sisters Faye, Helen Marie, Gilla and Bertha; and leaves to cherish loving memories one son, Chester; granddaughter Saideh (Charles); grandson’s Da’qaan and Myles; special friends Marie Newberry, Odessa Underwood, Ann and Johnny Brooks, Isaac Page and a host of nieces and nephews.

Posthumously, The National Council of Women of the United States, based at the United Nations in New York City has granted a Lifetime Achievement honor to Mrs. Lillian D. Page and is memorialized on their website.

The family thanks you, in advance, for your prayers during this time.

Order of Service

Pastor Marti Robinson, Worship Leader

Processional

Prelude

Opening Hymn..... “Let The Church Say Amen”
Rev. Francina Sapp

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev Marti Robinson
Pastor Bethel AME Church

Written Word Reading

Old Testament - Isaiah 40:29-31.....Doris Perry
New Testament - 2 Cor. 4:16-18.....Marilyn Coleman

Song of Comfort..... “Precious Lord”
Rev. Francina Sapp, Soloist

Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....Nicole Dupree

Reading of the Reflections of Life.....Sylvia Tatum

Reflections.....Family Members and Friends
(2 minutes max. per person please)

Song of Comfort..... “Oh Happy Day”
led By Rev. Sapp

Message of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. W. Louis McDowell
Pastor Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ

Recessional and Song of Celebration.....“I’ll Fly Away”
Rev. Francina Sapp

Interment
Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey

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

Pallbearers:

Charles Brown, Jr. Da'qaan Griffith
Kenneth Jones Other Family Members

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Lillian D. Page** 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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