### In Loving Memory

of

# Maude Irving Battles

Sunrise October 9, 1920 Sunset April 3, 2016



Thursday, April 7, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

TRINITY UMC
581 Clinton Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Pastor Geralda Aldajuste Hill, Officiating Elder Tim Rawls, Organist

### Order of Service

#### Processional

Scripture	Saundra Battle
Old Testament - Psalm 23	
New Testament - 1 Thessalor	nians 4:14-17
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Franck Aguilh
Selection	"Blessed Assurance"
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Remarks	2 minutes
Obituary/Acknowledgements/	ResolutionsEvelyn Davis Jest
Solo	"How Great Thou Art"
Eulogy	Pastor Geralda Aldajuste Hill
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#### **INTERMENT**

Glendale Cemetery Bloomfield, New Jersey

Immediately after the interment, family and friends are invited back to the church for the repast.

## **Obituary**

**Maude Irving Battles** was born October 9, 1920 in Portsmouth, Virginia to the late James Irving and Fannie Irving. Maude departed this life Sunday, April 3, 2016 at the Carmel Richmond Nursing Home in Staten Island, New York.

As a young lady Maude made her journey to New Jersey arriving in the late 1930's, where she settled down and later caught the eye and captured the heart of the late Russell Battles. This blessed marriage lasted for many years. Well known for her sternness but loving nature...THE CHIEF...(affectionately called by her husband) was a superb wife and mother. The kids learned that schoolwork was to be done, chores were to be completed, and then you could go outside to play. Most of all she stressed the importance of being NEAT & CLEAN! Mrs. Battles exuded a standard of excellence in everything she put forth an effort to do. While working for the NEWARK Board of Education her reputation and work ethic were impeccable. Mrs. Battles carried this standard to her next job which was at the historical Old First Church in Newark, New Jersey where she was a diligent employee for 20 years.

From a young age, Mrs. Battles accepted Jesus as her Lord & Savior. Reading her bible every morning was how she started each and every day. The family joined, and faithfully attended Trinity United Methodist Church where remained a member for over 60 years. While maintaining her job and caring for her family, Maude found time to be a help to her community and a help to the church. Her hands were always found doing something productive whether it be on various committees, such as the United Methodist Women ...The Outreach Committee ...Summer Day Camp... Sunday School Teacher...Golden Cross and for many years served as the Treasurer at Trinity United Methodist Church.

When it came time for cooking & baking, Maude Battles was an example of what a willing worker should be.

Not a big fan of television...unless it was a good Ol' Western ...Mrs. Battles was an avid reader, a lover of crossword puzzles, and reading the newspaper was also a number one source of entertainment. Traveling was high on the list too for Mrs. Battles if it was rolling ...she had a bag packed ready to go!! She will be greatly missed by all!

Preceding her in death was her loving husband, Russell Battles; her sister, Lillian Felton; her brother, James Irving; a son, James Irving Vincent. She was also preceded in death by a faithful friend and member, who visited her at the nursing home who made sure she received communion and prayer, Richard Jest.

She leaves to cherish her memory: five daughters, Joyce, Lois, Lucille, Roberta, Shelley; two sons, Mitchell and Richard; a loving sister, Ada Keeling of Portsmouth, VA; two nieces, Yvonne and Beverly Portsmouth, VA; dearest friends, Doris Williams, Annie Walker, Mavis Ebanks, Cecilia Gilkes, Malagie Dougés; and a host of many grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

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## 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

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

We the family of Maude Irving Battles would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our relatives friends and well wishers for surrounding us with love and concern during our time of bereavement.

The Family

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