

*In Remembrance*

*Jean Roper*

**Sunrise**

July 19, 1924

**Sunset**

April 8, 2016



Friday, April 15, 2016 - 3:00 p.m.

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey

## Obituary



**Jean Roper** was born “Jean Stewart” on July, 19, 1924 in Hartford, Connecticut. She was the youngest of three daughters born to father, Burst Robinson and mother, Celeste Stewart.

Jean was baptized at Union Baptist Church in Hartford. Jean was a good student and a graduate of Hartford High School.

Jean later met, and married her husband of fifty years John Roper. Together, they moved to Newark, New Jersey where they settled down and raised their three children. Jean worked at the Charms Candy factory, before beginning her career with the Newark Board of Education. She served as a beloved School Security Guard at Central High School and Ridge Street Annex. Jean began her well earned retirement in 1994.

Jean loved to travel and did so often, sometimes with family, sometimes with friends and ...even solo. Jean also loved the babies and children. Jean never met a baby she didn't want to pick up, give a big kiss to, or hold and hug. She was affectionately known as Aunt Jean or Marno. Summertime on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue was all about the kids. Jean would often open the fire hydrant for a cool down and, she and her husband often provided tubs of ice cream or cut up watermelon for the neighborhood children.

Jean transitioned on April 8, 2016. She was pre-deceased by her parents, husband, John and sister, Geraldine Green and Margaret Terry.

Jean is survived by her daughter, Sherlane Pitt and sons, Wayne Roper and Arnold Roper. She will be missed by her grandchildren, Mark, Craig, Brian Pitt and Nasir Roper. Jean leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, sons-in-law, childhood friend, Dell Pierson as well as a host of loving friends and neighbors whom Jean loved as family.

## Order of Service

Presider.....Rev. Marsha Butler  
First Maplewood Baptist Church  
Maplewood, NJ

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Patrick Anderson  
Lily of the Valley Christian Church  
Orange, NJ 07050

Scripture Readings.....Deaconess Anita White  
First Baptist of So. Orange, NJ

Old Testament – Psalm 23  
New Testament-John 14:1-6

Solo.....Sister Adrienne Waddy

Remarks.....Family and Friends (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements.....Sister Brenda Johnson

Obituary.....Sister Brenda Johnson

Solo.....Sister Adrienne Waddy

Eulogy.....Rev. Cheryl Heggins-Turner  
Lilly of the Valley Christian Church  
Orange, NJ 07050

Benediction

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

### **CREMATION**

Evergreen Crematory  
Hillside, New Jersey

# *Afterglow*

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of Smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly, down the ways  
Of happy times, laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind  
When the day is done.

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Jean Roper** wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

The Family

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