

Celebration of Life for
Louise Graham

Sunrise
September 13, 1941

Sunset
April 28, 2016



Friday, May 6, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE CLASS

54 Pine Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Bernard Durham, Pastor

Janice Wright, Organist

Reflections of Life

Louise (Boddie) Graham, the daughter of the late Alice Johnson and Louis Boddie, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 28, 2016. She was born in Ellerslie, Georgia on September 13, 1941. She was the beloved mother of Agnes, Juanita, and Satina. She was the beloved sister of Charles (Pat) and Gloria Boddie. Louise grew up in Paterson, New Jersey, where she attended school and was raised by her maternal grandmother, Bertha Johnson affectionately known as “Big Mom”.

Louise was known and respected for her love of friends and family. She always had an open heart and an open door. Even though she and her husband, James had three children of their own, Louise took in and took care of many of the neighbors’ children as well. She was known as the neighborhood nanny that lovingly wielded discipline when needed. She also helped family members and friends pursue gainful employment opportunities at Marcal in Elmwood Park, New Jersey. As a loyal, productive, and veteran employee of Marcal herself for over forty years, Louise had much to offer her family, friends, and her employer. Louise was very giving and was always willing to share. She instilled in her girls a spirit of sharing and opened her heart to all who knew her.

Louise who was the niece of the late great vocalist Martha Clark, was also known as the “high soprano voice.” She always met her aunt’s demand to “hit the high note,” especially when they were singing songs by the Clark Sisters. Louise loved to sing and was an integral voice in several groups and choirs in the area. These groups included: the William Hardy Singers, Paterson, New Jersey; the local and renown Ambassadors Singers; Ron Foster’s Kindred Spirits; Hopewell Baptist Church Choir, Newark, New Jersey, New Christian Missionary Baptist Church and Grace Chapel Baptist Church Choirs, both of Paterson, New Jersey and Grace Bible Class Choir, Passaic, New Jersey. She was an anchor and an esteemed member of her cherished Grace Bible Class Choir. Her choir members and her church members looked forward to Louise’s heartfelt and spirit filled singing. For more than twenty-five years, she was dedicated to her choir and church family. During her illness as well, when she sang from the front pew—because navigating the choir stand was too challenging, her melodious voice lifted hearts and reached the heavens. She also attended bible studies with Brother Leon Gilchrist.

As much as Louise loved singing, she also loved being active. After her retirement from Marcal in 2005, Louise volunteered at the Salvation Army. She worked part time at Paterson’s School Number 20, and was an active volunteer in an grandparents association. She also squeezed in cruises whenever she could. She was blessed to enjoy a very full and rewarding retirement. Louise also loved to talk! Her retirement gave her the opportunity to indulge in conversation whenever and as much as she wanted. She loved talking on the phone and reminiscing with her cousins Gwen, Precious, Bernette, Theresa, and Laketa. She loved talking to and talking about her girls. Often, very often, Louise would give voice to her favorite expression “My girls...” this or “My girls”... that. She was the proud matriarch.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband, James Graham, her son, Arthur Boddie and her granddaughter, Tiffany LaToya Graham.

Our “high soprano,” Louise (Boddie) Graham will be forever loved and precious memories will be forever cherished by her children: Agnes Elizabeth Graham of Paterson, New Jersey; Juanita (John) Dixon of Plainfield, New Jersey; Satina Lynette Graham of Harlem, New York; grandchildren: Darnell Roscoe Weaver, Lynetta Hall, Lanaya Graham, Trinidee Graham, Bianca Greene, Isaiah McFarland; four great grandchildren one great great grand; her nieces and nephews: Tonya Anne Jones, Chicago, Illinois; Lewell Bennet, Melbourne, Florida; Patricia Boddie Atlanta, Georgia, Felicia Boddie, Columbus, Georgia, Victor Boddie and Selina Boddie, both of Atlanta, Georgia; by her three grand nephews. “Aunt Louise” will be sorely missed by her nieces and nephews of Paterson, New Jersey, as well as a host of cousins, a village of friends, church family, and neighbors.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy

Invocation.....Clergy

Hymn.....“When We All Get To Heaven”

Scripture Readings
Old Testament.....Psalm 27:1-6
New Testament..... II Timothy 4:7-8

Musical Selection..... Grace Bible Class Choir
And Friends from Friendship Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection.....“He Was There”

Remarks..... Minister Sam McClary
Assistant Pastor Mark Wright

Musical Selection..... Grace Bible Class Choir
And Friends from Friendship Baptist Church

Tributes/Poem..... Satina Graham, Lanaya Graham
Alberta Susan Wells

Reflections of Life..... Alberta Susan Wells

Musical Selection..... Grace Bible Class Choir
And Friends from Friendship Baptist Church

Eulogy..... Pastor Bernard Durham

Recessional..... “Going Up Yonder”

Entombment

Saturday, May 7, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
Laurel Grove Memorial Park
295 Totowa Rd., Totowa, 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

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Louise Graham** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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