

In Loving Memory of
Marguerite Elizabeth Blake McLean

Sunrise: December 17, 1927

Sunset: May 25, 2016



Wednesday, June 1, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

Fountain Baptist Church

116 Glenside Avenue

Summit, New Jersey 07901

Reverend J. Michael Sanders, Pastor

Obituary

Marguerite Elizabeth Blake was born in Savannah, GA. on December 17, 1927 to the late Clifford William Blake, Sr. and Irene Elizabeth Noble Blake. The young Marguerite, who was affectionately called “Margo”, moved to Orange with her mother and stepfather, Major Solomon Bennett at nine years of age.

On September 6, 1953, Marguerite married Thomas Eugene McLean, Sr. of Sanford, NC at Union Baptist Church in Orange. They were the proud parents of two sons. Thomas Sr. passed away on June 15, 1960. He was thirty-four.

Marguerite attended Orange Public Schools through her high school years. She attended Newark State Teacher College and received a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She completed her Master’s in Education degree at Trenton State College. For nearly thirty years, Marguerite worked as a teacher and as a math resource administrator at Whitney Houston Academy of Creativity and Performing Arts (Franklin School). She retired in 1998.

Marguerite was an active and Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was initiated in Gamma Zeta undergraduate chapter. She was a past member of Beta Alpha Omega chapter. She is a charter member of the Rho Gamma Omega Chapter.

She enjoyed playing and watching golf, Christian broadcasts and basketball on TV. She was an avid reader and amateur photographer. She also enjoyed matching wits with one of her favorite TV shows, *Jeopardy*.

Marguerite accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior in 1983 at Faith Christian Fellowship (Living Praise Church), Florham Park. She has been a faithful member who taught Bible classes and attended the School of Ministry.

Marguerite leaves to cherish her memory: two children, Thomas Eugene and Stephen A. McLean and “special daughters”, Debra Hurd, Debra Williams and Angela Cannon. She was the dear sister of Ethel Sykes (Clifford), James Blake, Agatha Talley (Charles) and sister-in-law, Ada Blake; and predeceased by her sister, Catherine Bracy and brother, Clifford Blake, Jr. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The Order of Worship

The Musical Prelude

*The Call To Worship.....Psalm 100

*The Opening Hymn.... *“We’ll Understand It Better By and By”* - #288

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Choral Response *“He’s Sweet I Know”*

The Reading of Scripture

The Old Testament - Psalm 23Ashley-Lauren McLean-Ehi

The New Testament - Revelations 21:1-7.....Vernon Williams

The Musical SelectionLisa Horn

The Prayer of Comfort Rev. Gregory Davis

The Musical Selection

The Special RemarksCharles Talley

Thomas E. McLean

The Words of Comfort.....Pastor J. Michael Sanders

*The Recessional..... Clergy and Family

The Committal & Benediction..... Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, 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 Marguerite Elizabeth Blake McLean
acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness
extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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