

In Loving Memory of
Ethel Mae Johnson

Sunrise
April 16, 1930

Sunset
June 8, 2016



Tuesday, June 14, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

GOSPEL MISSION BAPTIST CHURCH
67 Ridgewood Avenue • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Ethel Mae Gary Johnson (affectionately called Big Mama by her grandchildren) and (Boney by her siblings), was born in Mitchell County Georgia April 16, 1930 to the Luther Gary, Sr. and Hattie Jean Edwards.

Ethel was educated in the Moultrie Georgia School system.

She met and married the late Reverend Peter Johnson, Sr., February 27, 1948, and later relocated to Asbury Park, New Jersey to be with her husband who had moved earlier to better their lives, and to join their union eight beautiful children were born, Terry, Pauline, Cherry, Delois, Desamae, Peter Jr., Luther James and Isaac.

Ethel joined the Mt. Piston Baptist Church and served on the usher board and sang with the choir under the leadership of the late Reverend Shorter until relocating to Newark, New Jersey, she joined the Beulah Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend J. C. Crawford.

Ethel was an elegant lady who loved to dress. She was a caring mother not only to her children but to whoever came in contact with her. She retired from Union Hospital as a Dietician, she enjoyed cooking and bowling, but her pass time was chasing her great grandchildren under the dining room table.

Ethel was first lady and an active member of the Gospel Mission Baptist Church where her husband the late Reverend Peter Johnson, Sr. was the founder and pastor until his death in 2004. She chaired and assisted on many church events, she served as vice president of Black Women Board of Association.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents Luther, Sr., and Hattie Jean Gary, Sister Irene Watson, Brother Luther Gary Jr., Husband Reverend Peter Johnson, Sr., Son Terry Johnson, and Daughter Cherry McGhee.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her Children, Pauline Curtis, Delois, Desamae, Peter Jr., Luther, James, and Isaac Johnson, her Sister, Virginia Davis of Georgia, and Brother William Gary (Eva) of Scotch Plains, NJ and a honorary Son, Rev. Selton Lewis (Shirley) of Irvington, NJ, 17 Grands and 22 Great Grands, and a host of Nieces and Nephews.

Order of Service

Rev. Edna Mack, Presiding

Processional

Prayer..... Bishop Daniel Hicklin
Mt. Sinai Alpha Omega Church, Scotch Plains, NJ

Scriptures

Old Testament - 23rd PsalmRev. Willie Walls
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Newark, NJ

New Testament - St. John 14Rev. Edna Mack
Gospel Mission Baptist Church Newark, NJ

Solo..... Jaquetta Young

Reflections..... (Two Minutes Please)

Solo..... Prophet W. Stamford Curtis

Eulogy..... Rev. Orlando T. Riley
New Bethel Baptist Church Elizabeth, NJ

Benediction..... Rev. Orlando Riley

INTERMENT
Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

*The family wish to thank all of you for your prayer and support.
Please join the family for the repast here at the church immediately
following the interment.*



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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