

In Loving Memory of
Irene R. Hansford

Sunrise: November 24, 1941 - Sunset: July 22, 2016



Thursday, July 28, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Brother Stanley Mason, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Irene R. Hansford was a loving and devoted wife and mother, spending many years with her family fishing and visiting the Jersey Shore. She also enjoyed yearly trips to Merrimon, North Carolina visiting family where she had once lived as a child.

Irene was a very artistic and talented person. She loved music, often playing Gladys Knight, Dionne Warwick and anything from the do wop era. She also enjoyed being creative. She loved to paint, sew, crochet and do needle point. She loved to decorate.

Most of all, Irene was a God fearing woman who cherished her relationship with Jehovah God for over forty-eight years. She loved going to the meetings for worship and associating with her brothers and sisters. Another integral part of her life was the public ministry. Whenever an opportunity presented itself to speak kind and encouraging words, she would always seize it. She would fondly talk about God's new world coming in the near future. Irene had such strong conviction in Jehovah God and his promises that even in the weeks before her death she would muster up the strength even when it was difficult to communicate and anxiously say she wants to remain in the race for life.

Irene Hansford, age 74, died Friday, July 22, 2016. She was a lifelong resident of Paterson, New Jersey. She was a homemaker and she was also a member of Jehovah's witnesses for over forty-eight years. She was preceded in death by her father, Shedrick (Shade) Reels, her mother, Rosa Lee (Walton) Reels and her brothers, Thomas and Izel Reels of North Carolina.

She is survived by: her husband, William (Bill) Hansford; three children, Sharon Caldwell (husband Kenny), Jacqueline Hansford-Frankson (husband Donovan), William (Scooter) Hansford (wife Annette), all of whom reside in Paterson; a brother, Warren Reels (wife Annette), also of Paterson; sisters-in-law, Ruth Harrison, Eunice Hansford, Karen Hansford and brother-in-law, Norman Hansford (wife Cheryl).

Irene was a loving and devoted grandmother of four grandsons, Kenneth, Keith, Kevin, and Davon, three granddaughters, Candice, Genesis and Autumn, two great grandsons, nieces, nephews and host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Opening

Obituary

Discourse

Brother Stanley Mason

Song # 24

“Keep Your Eyes On The Prize”

Closing Prayer



Precious Memories

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Song #24

- 1. When eyes of blind ones see again
And ears of deaf ones hear again,
When deserts blossom as the rose
And from parched ground fresh water flows,
When lame ones leap just like the hart,
When loved ones never have to part,
Such blessed times you'll realize,
If you keep your eyes on the prize.*
- 2. When tongues of mute ones speak again,
When old ones will be young again,
When earth will yield her rich increase
And all good things will never cease,
When songs of children fill the air,
When joy and peace are ev'rywhere,
Then, too, you'll see the dead arise,
If you keep your eyes on the prize.*
- 3. When wolves and lambs will feed as one,
When bears and calves bask in the sun,
A mere young boy will lead them all,
And they will heed his childish call.
When tears belong to yesterday,
When fears and pain have passed away,
You'll see how God these things supplies,
If you keep your eyes on the prize.*

Isaiah

41:10

*10 Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be
anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes,
I will help you, I will really hold on to you with my
right hand of righteousness.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Irene R. Hansford** 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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