

H Celebration of Life for

## Rev. Annie Ray (Smith) Reed

Sunrise July 28, 1934

Sunset August 4, 2016

Saturday, August 13, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

### UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

221 Myrtle Avenue Passaic, New Jersey Rev. Kortney L. Haigler, Pastor

## Thank You Mother for Our Beautiful Life

On the day we were born, though we did not know it yet, we were the ones being blessed.

You are the one who,
helped us grow,
who picked us up when we fell.
You allowed us the freedom to experience
for ourselves what is right and wrong.

You guided us and protected us.
You showed us that we can be strong,
That we can be our own individual self,
And that we with the help of the Lord hold our own destiny.
Your kind words were always so familiar.
You praised us when we succeeded
And encouraged us to continue striving for our goals.

You exemplified good stewardship
It is through your loving actions
we were taught how to love and care for others.
You continuously demonstrated selflessness
as you raised all seven of your children.
You did more than expected and for that we thank you.

You are someone very special in our eyes.

No one else in this entire world is exactly like you.

We love, adore, and admire you,
and we are all proud to call you our mother.

May you rest in peace and we look forward to meeting you in heaven someday. Thank you Mother for our beautiful life.

Love Always, Your Children: Eugene, Ronnie, Tony, Inshira, Salaam, & Patrick

"Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it." Proverbs 22:6

## Reflections of Life

"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14



**ANNIE RAY (SMITH) REED** was born on July 28, 1934 in Ahoskie, NC to Fred and Mary (Smith) Sessoms. She was the oldest of four children born unto this union."

Annie was educated in the Ahoskie, North Carolina School system. She later went on to further her education at Jersey City State College in Jersey City, NJ. She was employed at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson NJ

as a registered nurse for many years before deciding to retire. Annie attended Seminary and was later ordained as a minister at Universal Hagars Spiritual Church Hackensack, NJ. Later in life, she founded and pastored her own church, The Living Word Ministries Center in Jersey City, NJ. In addition to her extensive career in Nursing she was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star

Upon moving to New Jersey and achieving her goals Annie met and married the late Bennie Reed Jr. and from this union four children were born. She was a woman with such a big and loving heart that she raised four additional children.

Annie was many things: a good wife, daughter, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt. But of all of her roles, she played no role greater than mother.

Annie has left us to begin a new life free of pain and suffering, but instead filled with love, peace, and happiness. She will leave behind her most precious accomplishment: her beloved family.

She was preceded in death by two children: Anabelle Reed and David Reed and two siblings: Randolph Smith and Dr. Evelyn (Smith) Hall.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories and celebrate her life: Six Children: Inshira Reed, Eugene Reed (Ann), Patrick Reed (Candice). And Salaam Reed all of New Jersey, Tony Reed of Georgia, and Ronnie Reed of Arizona. One Sister: Barbara (Smith) Koditek of Maryland. Nine Grandchildren: Eugene S. Reed, Monica Reed, Brittany Reed, Tonysha Reed, Bailee Reed, Messiah Reed, Demarca Reed, Ronnie Reed Jr. and Lorrie Reed. She also leaves behind two great grand children and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



## Order of Service

"For if we live we live for the Lord; and if we die we die for the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

Repast will be held immediately after the service in the church fellowship hall.

#### Entombment

Monday, August 15, 2016 - 10:00 a.m. Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery 1500 Stuyvesant Avenue Union, NJ 07083

#### **PALL BEARERS**

Family and Friends

#### **FLORAL BEARERS**

Family and Friends

#### **MOTHER**

There is one, and only one,
Whose love shall fail me never,
Just one who lives
From sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavor.
There is just one,
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.

Behold children are a gift from the Lord... Psalm 127:3

Her children rise up and bless her...
Proverbs 31:28

## <u>Heknowledgement</u>

The family of **Annie Ray Reed** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy.

"I thank my God every time I remember you"
Philippians 1:3

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