

*Home Going Service
Celebrating The Life of*



Mary Katherine House

Sunrise: January 20, 1935 - Sunset: August 21, 2016

Service

Monday, August 29, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

*809 East Hazelwood Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey*

Rev. Allen Thompson, Pastor, Officiating

Life Reflections

Mary Katherine House was born on January 20, 1935 in Leesburg, Florida, to the late Arthur House, Sr. and to the late Cassie Berry.

She attended public school in Leesburg, Florida. In school, she was an outstanding basketball player. She was known for her dance moves and excelled as an exceptional Majorette for her high school band. After completing high school, she decided to leave home with five dollars in her pocket and travel to Dade City, Florida to find a job to help her father. She passed a restaurant, and met the owner Mr. Herbert who helped her get a job (**AFTER NOT TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT HER AGE**). She told Mr. Herbert she was 18 years old, and had her fingers crossed behind her back. While working for a few months, she met her best friend Delores Williams. As time went on she then met Alfred Steele Jr. who she later married. She then moved to Newark, New Jersey after his tour in the service. Mary House was called the “**Harriet Tubman**” of her family because she brought each one of her siblings to New Jersey one by one, with the exception of two brothers who were in the military. Not only did Mary House help her brothers and sisters, she also helped extended family and friends. She raised her family in Newark until moving to Linden, New Jersey in 1969.

She was later employed at Rutgers University of Newark for over thirty years until her retirement. After retirement she spent most of her time helping the elderly, gardening, and assisting anyone with transportation needs. Mary House inspired her children and grandchildren with ambition, values, and morales. She wanted them all to strive and work hard to achieve their goals.

Mary was a devoted member at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for over twenty-five years. She served *faithfully* as a Missionary and Usher. She “**FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH, STOOD HER GROUND, AND DID NOT WAIVER.**”

Mary Katherine House departed this life on August 21, 2016 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of eighty-one. She was predeceased by Alfred Steele, Jr. and Bruce Hall; stepmother, Rosa House, a sister, Evelyn Lowery and two brothers, Robert Hall and Arthur House, Jr.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: three daughters, Alfreda Johnson of Linden, NJ, Gloria Chambers of Sayerville, NJ and JoAnn Hall of Mansfield, OH; a son, Michael Steele (Vicky) of Coatesville, PA; six sisters, Margaret Gaddy of Mansfield, OH, Ruby Maynor of SC, Pat Maynor of East Orange, NJ, Carol Diaz of Ocala, FL and Annie and Shirley House both of Wooster, OH; five brothers, Willie House, Sr. (Ernestine) of Wooster, OH, Gold Maynor, Jr. (Vanessa) of Newark, NJ, Alvin House (Olivia) of Baltimore, MD, Percell Maynor (Olivia) of Conyers, GA and Rev. Edward Haynes (Geraldine); nine grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Pastor and Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Dr. David Heard

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Selection.....FMBC Mass Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 27:1-4.....Ruby Maynor

New Testament: John 14:1-7.....Alvin House

Selection.....Wayne Wilks & John Hughes

Life Tributes.....Willie House, Sr.

Gold Maynor

Michael Steele

Gloria Chambers

Solo.....Pastor Pam Jones

Acknowledgements.....Lee Sarratt

Selection.....FMBC Mass Choir

The Eulogy.....Reverend Allen Thompson

Final Viewing

The Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park

Kenilworth, New Jersey

Repast

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Services Entrusted To:

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Pall Bearers
Family and Friends of Mary House

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that
morning that God was
going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
in death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you did not go alone; for part
of us went with you, the day
God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide;
and though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the
same; but as God calls
us one by one, the
chain will link
again.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mary House** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Mary's sister, Ruby Maynor who traveled back and forth from South Carolina whenever Mary needed her and special friends who also assisted with her care, Margaret Undrosky, Sandra Stevenson, Gloria Drumblings, Gwen Fields, Scharlene Snowden, Wayne Wilks and John Hughes. We will always keep you in our prayers.
May God continue to richly bless you.*

*Mary
Family & Friends*

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