

In Loving Memory of



Weltha L. Odom

Sunrise
January 21, 1920

Sunset
September 1, 2016

Service

Friday, September 9, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Saint Luke AME Church

146-156 Clinton Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07114

Obituary

Weltha Lee Odom, affectionately known as Wealthy, Muffa and GamMa, was born January 21, 1920, in Fort Gains, Georgia, to the proud parents of Zack and Mary Wallace. As the last of eight children, one of her greatest joys was sharing stories about her childhood and growing up on a farm with her brothers and sisters. As a young adult, Weltha left her native home of Georgia and moved to Newark, New Jersey. It was in Newark where she met and married the love of her life, Edward B. Odom, Sr. Weltha enjoyed being a homemaker, cooking, sewing and most of all, being a wife and mother to their five children.

As the children grew older, she decided to go to school for nursing. She received her L.P.N. license and began a career in private duty nursing. Weltha was guided by and shared the many sayings of her father, which continue to be an inspiration. She always spoke her mind and encouraged her family to be the best and always “hold your head high.”

Weltha joined St. Luke A.M.E Church in Newark, New Jersey and worked in the church as a member of various organizations, including the Willing Workers, Georgia Club and Queen Esther’s Guild. She accepted Christ as her Savior and made sure her children and grandchildren were active in the church and believers in the Word. Her Christian values and beliefs led her to reach out, help and provide for those in need. Her generosity was boundless.

Weltha lived life to the fullest. She was known for her outgoing personality and impeccable style. She was predeceased by her parents, Zack and Mary Wallace, all of her siblings, Alexander (Laub), Henry (Bub), Frank (Squirrel), Lessell (Buddy), Leola (Sister), Charity (Chris & Goodie) and Mary (Bae), her beloved husband of 69 years Edward B. Odom, Sr. and her son, William (Billy) Odom. Weltha leaves here to cherish her memory, her son, Edward B. Odom, Jr. (Melvina); her daughters, Betty J. Adams (Troy), Shirley A. Briggs, Weltha Chiquita Odom; three grandchildren, Shahrazad, Rasheeda (Steve), Najah and four great-grandchildren, Mercedes, Diamond, Trinity and Zack, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, God-daughter, Carolyn Little and treasured friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Choir
Processional Clergy & Family
Hymn of Praise
Prayer of Comfort Bishop Eddie Bennett, Jr.
Scripture Lessons
Old Testament/ New Testament Dr. Yvonne Bennett
Selection “Lord, I Tried” - Sister Edna Barnes
Acknowledgements/Resolutions Sister Mildred Murphy
Reflections (2 minutes please)
Obituary Sister Norma Wise
Selection Junior Wright
Eulogy Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Hooper, Pastor
Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
Galloping Hill Road
Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

*Please join the family for the repast at
St. Luke, AME, 146-156 Clinton Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07114*

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. There is only one thing we are all promised after birth and all too soon we have arrived at this stage in this thing called life.

Our Matriarch, our GamMa, our Sweetie Pie (as GanDad called her), the apple of our eyes, our strength, our everything was called by God and it hurts more than words could ever explain. This is something you could never prepare for. Fortunately, over the past 96 years through talks, lectures, sayings, phrases and stories we were taught that when this time comes, to continue to live and love harder than ever before. If anyone wants a glimpse of her, just talk to any of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and you will see her light and hear her voice that will forever live and shine through us. Gamma said to thank God every day for your grandmother and we could never thank Him enough. There is no greater gift than the unconditional and unyielding Love from her heart and soul that we were blessed to have bestowed upon us every minute of every day. She is and will always be missed but this is not good bye. Through us, she will never die, and together we will all live forever.

Toot-a-loo GamMa and Love you for all eternity.

*The Grands & Great-Grandads~Shahrazad, Rasheeda, Najah,
Mercedes, Diamond, Trinity and Zack.*

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

Professional Services by:
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