

In Loving Memory
of
Jerelene McBrice

Sunrise
July 12, 1928

Sunset
August 26, 2016



Saturday, September 10, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Hymn of Comfort
“Blessed Assurance “

Scripture Reading
Old Testament – Psalm 91
New Testament – John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection
“He Knows How Much You Can Bear”

Personal Remembrances

Acknowledgement and Obituary
Terence Thomas, Sr.

Musical Selection
“Amazing Grace”

Eulogy

Recessional

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Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Obituary

A much loved mother, Grandmother, Aunt, and friend, **Jerelene McBrice**, 88, of Hillside, NJ passed away peacefully on Friday, August 26, 2016. Jerelene, "Jerrie", as known by her peers, and elders, was predeceased by her mother, Leola M. Walker, and her father, George Thomas, as well as her son, Charlie McBrice. Jerelene was born on Thursday, July 12, 1928 in McCormick, South Carolina.

Jerelene spent her youth in McCormick, and Forest City, North Carolina. Then Jerelene Thomas married Charley McBrice on August 3, 1946. She later sought work in New York City before settling in New Jersey, where she was joined by her daughter, Alice Thomas, and son Charlie in 1960. In 1961, Jerelene began a career in the factories of Wakefern Food Corp, where she retired at age 65 in 1993.

Not much of a traveler, but Jerelene did enjoy her annual trips to visit family in North Carolina in her younger years, and in the late 70's visiting her daughter and grandchildren in Southern California. Jerelene loved cooking and opened her backyard and grill to annual summer barbecues. Jerelene loved company and loved people, and most of all family.

Jerelene leaves to cherish her memories her daughter, Alice, grandsons, Terence Thomas, Sr., Jarrod Len Thomas, Sr., Bobby Thomas, and Ivory Thomas, Sr, granddaughter, Tiffany Thomas, niece, Clarissa Watson, Marguerite Jones, Lisa Jones, nephews, Charles Jones, Jr., and Steve Miller, great grandchildren, Alexis Thomas, Ivory A. Thomas II, Jarrod L. Thomas, Jr., Terence N. Thomas, II, Clinton L. Perkins, Cardeial D. Kennington, Jordan Tilton, Samija Young, and Casey Thomas, and great nephews and nieces, Tia Watson, Anthony Watson, Je'Nae Burnett, Jamal Jones, and Demetrius Jones, and longtime family friend, Mary Ellen Lockwood. In addition to the above, Jerelene leaves behind a host of family, friends, and loved ones.

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Footprints In The Sand

One night a woman had a dream. She dreamed she was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from her life. For each scene, she noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to her, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of her life flashed before her, she looked back at the footprints in the sand. She noticed that many times along the path of her life there was only one set of footprints. She also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in her life. This really bothered her and she questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."



Acknowledgement

The family acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us at this time of bereavement. May God forever bless and keep each one of you.

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