

Celebrating The Life of
Mary Lena Shaw



Sunrise
June 13, 1950

Sunset
September 7, 2016

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

11 Ashland Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Michael J. Jordan, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Mary Lena Shaw was born on June 13, 1950. She was the fifth of six children born to Hellen M. Green and the late Harding C. Green in Garysburg, North Carolina. She entered eternal life on September 7, 2016 at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey.

Mary completed her elementary school education in the Garysburg Public School system. In 1963, she moved to East Orange, New Jersey where she attended and graduated from Clifford J. Scott High School. Mary worked at the Occupational Center in Orange, New Jersey. Afterwards she worked as a lunch aide at Ashland School for the East Orange Board of Education.

Mary was an active and devoted member for over 30 years at Mount Olive Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey, which is currently under the leadership of Reverend Michael J. Jordan. She also served on the usher board. Mary loved her church and church family and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Mary was very well known and loved by all she encountered. Although she only gave birth to two children she had a big heart and was like a mother to many. Mary volunteered as a "team mom" for the Pop Warner East Orange Rams. She loved to bowl and was apart of a bowling league for more than 20 years at Llewellyn Lanes of Orange, New Jersey. She enjoyed playing spades and spending time with her family.

Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Harding C. Green Jr., her sister, Audrey Martin, her granddaughter, Ameerah Reddick, and her nephew, Steven Holder.

Mary leaves behind to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Roosevelt Shaw; her beloved mother, Hellen M. Green; her daughter, Rochelle Pennix-Butler and her son, Michael Pennix; six grandchildren, Yusef Reddick, Michael Pennix Jr., Alnaysia Long, Tatiana Francis, Kha-Jee Pennix, and Shaniah McClendon; her sisters, Rose Marie Brangman (Gerald) and Leslie Holder (Roberto) of Ocala, Florida, and Joann Green of East Orange, New Jersey; her sister-in-law, Delores Green; son-in-law, Curtis Butler Jr. and daughter-in-law, Makia Pennix; two goddaughters, Angela Brooks and Nicole Mitchell; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends who loved and cared for her deeply. Mary Shaw will be truly missed.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo

Emory Lee

Remarks

Family and Friends (two minutes please)

Acknowledgements, Resolutions and Obituary

Solo

Emory Lee

Eulogy

Rev. Michael J. Jordan

Recessional

Immediately following the service family and friends are invited for a repast at the church.

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mary Lena Shaw** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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