



Celebration of Life for
Mabel Allen

Sunrise
March 29, 1922

Sunset
September 20, 2016



Thursday, September 29, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH
153 Lawrence Place
Paterson, New Jersey
Reverend Dr. Odinga Lawrence Maddox, II

Reflections of Life

Mabel Ida Allen, 94 of Paterson, NJ died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. She was born March 29, 1922 in Accomac, Virginia. She is predeceased by her parents, Herbert Lee and Mildred Virginia Savage, her husband of 51 years, Leander (Lee) Allen, siblings Clifton (Buddy) Savage and Abel (Bus) Savage and her eldest son, Vernon Lee Allen.

"Selfless", "Caregiver", "Generous" and "Demonstrative" best describe Mabel Allen: Her selfless spirit was inherent in her consistent concern for the needs of others above herself. She best demonstrated this trait, when along with husband Lee, took in her mother for 40+ years until her mom's death at 104.

Mabel cared for her son Vernon, perpetuating his independence through his blindness. Her home became a place of refuge and comfort especially when her specialties, Chicken & Dumplings and Baked Tomatoes were on the menu.

She was very generous, both tangible and financial. She ensured that grandchildren's toddler shoes and clothing were purchased by her, personally taking the kids to Stride Rite for their "Buster Brown" fittings. She outfitted the grands at Jacobs, Meyer Brothers and Plymouth Department Stores. Mabel always rewarded, giving cash to family and friends for all occasions, deeds or just because she was thinking of you.

Above all, Mabel loved the Lord. She was saved in her youth and raised her children at the New AME Zion Paterson. Her favorite songs included, "I must tell Jesus all of my troubles" and " Dear God". She was demonstrative and forthcoming, rebuking foolishness! You knew where you stood with Mabel and did not want to provoke her ire.

Experiencing the African American struggles from her southern roots through the election of the 1st Black President, Mabel was socially and politically astute. She regularly watched Paterson City Council meetings and implored her son Vernon to bring up citizen issues during his open mike in city council chambers. As a final act of civic responsibility, Mabel completed and submitted her absentee ballot for the upcoming election.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, son Clifton Allen of Paterson; daughters, Linda Allen (Ricky) of Paterson and Mildred Allen Alexander (Randy) of Matthews, NC; Two grandsons, Jason Allen (Tara) of East Orange, NJ and Clifton Allen, Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada; Six grand daughters, Syreetta Allen of Paterson, Michelle Cook (Orlando) of Concord, NC, Marcia Ruben (Cullen) of Fanwood, NJ, Dawn Caldwell of East Orange, NJ, Sharisse Alexander of Charlotte, NC and Katrina Alexander of Matthews, NC. She was a great grandmother to six (Cullen, Jr., Syrai, Jamal, Jasmine, Zavi and Shakeerah).

Proverbs 31: 26-31

- 26 She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*
27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.
28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
29 " Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all".
30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a women who fears the Lord is to be praised.
31 Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Order of Service

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Down At the Cross”

READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 14:1-6

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION

New A.M.E. Zion Church Combined Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

READING OF OBITUARY

SELECTION

New A.M.E. Zion Church Combined Choir

EULOGY

Reverend Dr. Odinga Lawrence Maddox, II

BENEDICTION

Interment

Friday, September 30, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Rd.

Paramus, New Jersey

Come

With

Me

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, 'Come with me'
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Your beautiful smile at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove
He always takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day.
Our lives just aren't the same
Ever since you went away.
When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong
We hear you gently whisper,
'Cheer up and carry on.'
Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
'Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday.'

Acknowledgement

Our family would like to take the opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, words of comfort and other expressions of sympathy extended us during our bereavement. We would especially like to acknowledge: * Herbert Savage for his tireless visitations, care and dedication to his favorite Aunt Mabel. * Lucille Murray for her years of friendship with mom from co-workers at Bergen Pines through her illness. * Ellis & Frances Allen for being the epitome of brother & sister in law for mom, looking out for her in the 22 years since Dad's home going. * Myrtle Peace for the 30 years of Monday phone calls with mom to check-in and encourage one another. May God continue to bless and keep each and every one of you in his tender loving care.

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