

*Celebration of Life for*  
*Mary H. Hammond*

**Sunrise**  
July 28, 1928

**Sunset**  
October 29, 2016



Thursday, November 3, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

535 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07514

*Rev. Barry L. Graham, Officiating*  
*Monroe Gilbert, Organist*

## Reflections of Life



**Mary Lue (Humphrey) Hammond** departed this life on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 at her home. She was born on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 1928 to the late Margaret E Humphrey in Leesville, South Carolina. She was affectionately known as “Grandma”, “Granny”, “Nanny” “Mary Girl”, “Mary-Mac” and “Gigi”.

As a child she joined the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Leesville, South Carolina. She attended the local schools and graduated with honors from Hampton High School in Leesville, South Carolina. Years later, she attended the Lyons Educational Center where she received her certification as a Medical Assistant.

Mommy married the love of her life and her high school sweetheart, the late Eugene Marion Hammond. To their union they were blessed with 5 daughters. The 5 “D” girls. The Late Lenore Denise Hammond, Debra Hammond Barnes Esq., Donna Hammond, Darlene Hammond-Mitchell (Bruce W Mitchell), and the baby daughter Dawn M Hammond.

She was employed in many capacities caring for people until she settled into her career as a Cottage Technician at the North Jersey Developmental Center Totowa from which she retired.

One of “Mary girls” greatest passions was communicating with the Earth. She loved gardening and animals. She was often seen decorating her yards for the various holiday seasons.

In addition to her husband and daughter, Mary was predeceased by her brother, William Humphrey and a sister, Annie Lee Humphrey.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories: her 4 daughters, Debra, Donna, Darlene, and Dawn; 1 Niece Josephine Taylor; 1 Nephew, Rev. Michael Humphrey; her Grandchildren, Ataullah Barnes, Zakiyyah Barnes, Sha-Rell Hammond-Peele (William Peele), Naji Mitchell, Jac-Quell Hammond, Jonathan Shabazz, Malik Hammond and Curtis Dalton; her Great grands, Laila Mitchell, Jalen Mitchell, Madison Peele, Makayla Peele and Zhen Dalton; and a host of family, friends and her beloved dog “Brownie”.

One can never be prepared to let go of someone so precious, we will never be ready to let you go but God has chosen you to join our ancestors and to become our Angel. We thank god for allowing you to be in all of our lives. You were always and will forever be our Homegirl, our Recipe Girl, our Joke Girl, our use your head for something besides a Hat Rack Girl, our Cadillac Girl, our Tattoo Girl, our Chuck Taylor Girl, our never wanting to leave the house without a hat Girl, our Flower Girl, our Decorating Girl, our Shoe Shopping Jewelry wearing Girl, our epitome of strength girl, OUR MATRIARCH GIRL.

Sleep in Peace

# Order of Service

Prelude .....Monroe Gilbert

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy .....Rev. Barry L. Graham


Recessional

## Interment

Humphrey Cemetery  
Leesville, South Carolina



*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

*Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Mary H. Hammond** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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