



Homegoing Service
Celebrating The Life of

Annie L. McCoy

April 27, 1938 - December 26, 2016



Funeral Service

Saturday, December 31, 2016 • 10:00 a.m.

ELIZABETH AVE.-WEEQUAHIC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
761 Elizabeth Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Pastor Doris C. Peterson, Officiating

"I Was Only Passing Through"

This earth most times was good to me,
Offered me love, peace, prosperity,
There were good times, bad times few,
But I was only passing through. The
best I had to all I gave, Smiled with
friends, even by their graves,
Had lots of friends, enemies a few. But
I was only passing through. Well, today
my Savior beckons me, By His side he
wants me to be, I answered the call
with a mansion to view,
You know I was only passing through.
I have come to my journey's end, you
see, From now on only peace, joy,
tranquility. Shed no tears for me when
the casket you view, You know I was
just passing through. I have run the
distance and stood the test.
Discouraged sometimes not knowing
east from west. But the traveling is
over I am just ahead of you, Remember
I was only passing through.



Musical Prelude Mr. Bob Richardson
Processional Clergy and Family
Hymn of Praise “Blessed Assurance” pg 341
Scripture Reading Rev. Pamela Porter
 Old Testament
 New Testament
Musical SelectionMrs. Emily Jukes
Prayer of Comfort Minister Todd R. Warren
Acknowledgements
Obituary Mr. Dwayne D. Warren, Esq
Reflections/Remarks Rev. Dianne Nicole Brown
Musical Selection Mrs. Emily Jukes
Eulogy Pastor Doris C. Peterson
Recessional

ORDER OF SERVICE

Interment
Hollywood Memorial Park
Union, New Jersey



Annie L. McCoy, 78, a longtime resident of Hillside, NJ, peacefully entered into eternal rest on Monday, December 26, 2016 at White House Rehabilitation Center in Orange, NJ.

Lois, as she was known by many, was born on April 27, 1938 in Pendleton, South Carolina to Bert and Annie Latimer Brown. Lois graduated from Oconee County High School, Seneca, South Carolina in 1955. She is an alumna of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina and because she always had an affinity for education, and considered herself a perpetual student, she completed courses and received certifications, including an Head Teacher Certification, in Early Childhood Education from Banks Street College in New York City; Upsala College (NJ); and Kean College (NJ).

Lois relocated from South Carolina in 1958, settled in Newark, New Jersey and became an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church. Shortly thereafter, she met the love of her life, James and they were married on July 8, 1962 at Metropolitan Baptist Church Newark, NJ. From this beautiful union, they were blessed with two children, James and Karen.

Her love of children led her to a profession in Early Childhood, where she was employed by the NAACP Day Care Center in Newark as a preschool teacher and later as the Certified Head Teacher at Mount Calvary Day Care Center. Lois found another professional “calling” when she became a parent aide and later caseworker with Newark Family Resource Network, Inc., a State of New Jersey DYFS agency that works to eradicate child abuse. She held the position of supervisor until her retirement in 2003. Mrs. McCoy immensely enjoyed working with families and providing the necessary tools to individuals for successful parenting.

Lois McCoy led a full, active life that included political, social and civic involvement. She served as a campaign aide on several occasions to her brother, the late, Willie B. Brown, Former NJ State Assemblyman (D-29). She also served as a Democratic District Leader in Hillside, NJ for many years. Equally, she was an active volunteer in her daughter’s township council and mayoral elections. Lois volunteered with the Newark, NJ Branch of the NAACP, having served as a Youth and College Division Advisor. She was also active with the Benedict College

Association, North Jersey Chapter for several years. She was one of the founders of the soup kitchen and food pantry located at Elizabeth Ave-Weequahic Presbyterian Church in conjunction with organizations such as the Jewish Federation of MetroWest and dedicated every Thursday for many years assisting with the operation of that program. In addition, Lois spearheaded an annual Adopt-A-Family program through several Presbyterian Churches in the Newark Presbytery in the 1980's and through the 1990's, where needy families received Christmas presents. Her civic and social involvement were recognized when she received a Social Services Award from Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc., Delta Pi Chapter Hillside, NJ.

Lois' Christian foundation was laid at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Seneca, South Carolina and continued to grow at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark and was cemented at Elizabeth Ave-Weequahic Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ. She was a choir member at the respective churches, and served as a Church Elder at Elizabeth Ave for over 30 years. Additionally, she was a member of the United Presbyterian Women, and for years served on the Social Action Committee at the church. Until her health failed, she was an active attendee at Wednesday Bible Study.

Annie Lois McCoy was predeceased by her parents, Bert and Annie Brown; her beloved husband, James and her brothers, Eugene, John, Lockwood, Leroy, Robert and Willie, and sisters, Alberta, Eloise and Wilhemina.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving son, James R. McCoy (Yaeshia) of Washington, NJ and her devoted daughter, Hon. Karen McCoy Oliver, Former Mayor Township of Hillside, NJ (Bruce) of Hillside, NJ; granddaughter, Mariah McCoy and grandson, Yajaha Banks; sister, Amelia Warren (Melvin) of Orange, NJ; nephews, Honorable Judge Carl Anderson Pendleton, SC, Melvin M. Warren (Tiffani) of Washington, NJ; Dwayne Warren (Karma) of Orange, NJ; Todd R. Warren (Chevelle) of Orange, NJ and Robert K. Brown of Seneca, SC; nieces, Shirley Haygood of College Park, GA, Barbara Brown of Seneca, South Carolina; Pamela Warren Porter of Painted Post, NY; Michelle Brown of Charlotte, NC and Dianne Nicole Brown of Macon, GA. She is also survived by many cousins, several great-nephews and nieces; and many friends. She also will be sorely missed by her beloved grandpuppy, Ginger.









PRECIOUS MEMORIES

The Master Called



*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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