

A Celebration of Life

Annie Bell Perry

Sunrise

October 16, 1936

Sunset

January 2, 2017



Saturday, January 7, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

Community Baptist Church of Englewood

224 First Street

Englewood, NJ 07631

Officiating: Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

Obituary

Annie Bell Perry was born on October 16, 1936, to her late parents Willie Joe Bishop and Clinton Stevenson. Annie began her education in the North Hampton County School system in Rich Square, North Carolina. She received Christ at an early age and was baptized at Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Rich Square, N.C. as a child. Annie Perry was later re-baptized at Community Baptist church of Englewood, Pastor Lester W. Taylor, where she was a member.

Her mother moved her children to NYC, where Annie completed her High School education at Central Commercial High School.

In 1955, she married the late Nathaniel McWilliams and to this union five children were born, Deborah, Gary, Mildred, Nathan and Keith. Annie spent her early twenties as a single parent caring for her five children, making sure they had plenty food, shelter and clothing. She worked hard and long hours at Baby Toggs Children's Clothing Manufacturer in NYC. She wanted to make sure that her children were not affected by the change in her household as a single parent.

In 1963 she met the true love of her life, the Late Argenous L. Perry Jr. in the Bronx NY. They later united in holy matrimony in Rich Square N.C. Together they raised her granddaughter Nakisha McWilliams and great grandson Michael Moore.

In 1977, they moved their family from the Bronx, N.Y. to Teaneck, New Jersey where they continued supporting and raising her children, grandchildren and great grand children. On June 30, 1997, her husband was called home to be with the Lord. Even though she suffered tremendous void after his death she continued to support her family.

She worked at for the NYC Board of Education as a Para-Professional and later for Office For Special Needs Children, and the Committee of Handicapped as Clerical Staff until she retired in the 1990's. Annie later started working as a lunch aide and bus aide for the Teaneck Public School System until she retired in 2009. Children were her life and, she loved being around them helping. The love and attention she gave her family was mirrored in the children she worked with.

Annie was a true Matriarch of her family, she provided love and support and stability for her adult children, grand children and great grandchild until she became ill with dementia in 2010. She faced many challenges in her life, yet she always remained hopeful and upbeat and kept a smile on her face. She was passionate about making sure the welfare and the stability of her family were at the forefront of her life. As dementia began to steal her thoughts, conversations, memories and laughter, arthritis began to cause her great debilitating pain throughout her body.

After a valiant attempt to care for her at home, On November 16, 2011, she was admitted to Bergen County Health Care to facilitate with her care. There she remained until the time of her death on January 2, 2017.

Annie leaves to forever cherish her memory five children, Deborah Brunson of Englewood NJ, Gary McWilliams of Englewood NJ, Mildred McWilliams of GA, Nathan McWilliams and Keith McWilliams of Teaneck NJ, Granddaughter Nakisha McWilliams, Teaneck NJ (whom she raised), Great grandson Michael Moore, Texas (who she also raised). One brother, Lloyd Earl Bishop, one brother predeceased her, John Bishop, One Sister-in-law Sallie Tigh (Peter) of Turo Mass, 13 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

Order of Service

Family Procession

Invocation

Opening Hymn/Solo

The Scriptures
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection/Solo

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from Friends, Family, Clergy

The Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection/Solo

The Message of Hope
Pastor Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

The Benediction

Recessional

Interment

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Serenity Prayer

GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.

Trusting that He will make all things
right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.

Amen

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,
To the sorrowful I will never return,
I am at peace with myself and the Lord,
I cannot speak, but I can listen
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,
So remember me in your heart and thoughts,
Remember me in your memories,
Remember me of the times we loved,
Remember me of the times we laughed,
Remember me of the times we cried,
Remember me of the times we fought
And always remember me
of the times we lived together.
I am resting in peace with the highest
hope that some day
we shall all unite again in God's Kingdom.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Eternity Funeral Service, LLC

Aree Booker, Executive Director

Licensed Funeral Director in New York & New Jersey

NY Lic. # 00367 NJ Lic. # 4346

129 Engle Street • Englewood, NJ 07631 • ph (201) 568-2671

"Comfort, Care and Integrity when you need it most"

www.eternityfuneralservice.com

