

Memorial Services
In Celebration of The Life of

Sunrise
April 29, 1926

Sunset
December 22, 2016

Alma Lucille Kirkley

Services

Saturday, January 21, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Faith Hope Baptist Church

40 Georges Rd. • New Brunswick, New Jersey

Reverend Dorrian H. Schenck, Officiating

Order of Service

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| MUSICAL PRELUDE | Ms. Delores Reading |
| PROCESSIONAL | The Clergy & Family |
| OPENING SELECTION | Faith Hope Baptist Church Choir |
| OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Psalm 23:1-6 | Deacon Willard Moss |
| NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – John 14:1-4 | Trustee Eugene Booker |
| PRAYER OF COMFORT | Reverend Miyoshi Taylor Schenck Bethel AME Church, Paulsboro, NJ |
| MUSICAL SELECTION | Faith Hope Baptist Church Choir |
| RESOLUTIONS | |
| SPECIAL TRIBUTES | |
| | Mrs. Patricia McPhatter <i>Family Friend</i> |
| | Mr. Randy Cherkis <i>Family Friend</i> |
| | Ms. Jan Walden <i>Niece</i> |
| | First Lady Mrs. Martha Turner Riddick <i>Faith Hope Baptist Church</i> |
| | Deacon Nehemiah Bowdre <i>Faith Hope Baptist Church</i> |
| MUSICAL SELECTION | Faith Hope Baptist Church Choir |
| ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS & TELEGRAMS | Ms. Darlene Napier |
| Silent Reading of the Obituary | |
| MUSICAL SELECTION | Faith Hope Baptist Church Choir |
| EULOGY | Reverend Dorrian H. Schenck, Pastor Bethel AME Church, Paulsboro, NJ |
| BENEDICTION | Reverend Dorrian H. Schenck |

Repast
Immediately following the service at
16 Tompkins Rd., East Brunswick, NJ

Obituary

Mrs. Alma Lucille Kirkley (nee Loftin) was born in Efland, North Carolina, on April 29, 1926, the daughter of the late Junious and Lillian Loftin. This union produced Alma, known as Lucille to family and close friends, as the only daughter, along with seven sons. At the age of three, Lucille's mother passed away. She then went to live with her grandmother and aunt. It was her Aunt Bertha, a teacher, who inspired Lucille to pursue a career in education.

Lucille received her Bachelors of Arts from Bennett College, a historically black college for women in Greensboro, North Carolina. "What a wonderful experience Bennett College provided me" Lucille once remarked. "This experience allowed me to continue on to have a wonderful career in education." After receiving her degree from Bennett College, Lucille began her teaching career in Hamlet, North Carolina.

In 1949, Lucille married A. Roy Kirkley Sr. in Orange, NJ., and from that union of more than fifty years came three sons, Roy, Jr., Kevin, and Kenneth. In 1959, Roy and Lucille moved their family to Philadelphia, PA. Lucille then taught in the Philadelphia school system. In 1970, the family moved back to New Jersey, where Lucille continued her teaching career. She retired a Certified Special Education Reading Instructor from the New Brunswick, NJ School System in 1989.

Lucille, like her husband Roy, was a life-long champion of civil rights and community involvement. Lucille was a life member of the NAACP. She was a founding member of the Raritan Valley Chapter of the Links, an international, nonprofit organization of extraordinary women of color committed to civic, educational, and cultural activities that serve to enrich the community.

Lucille loved to travel, having visited places such as Greece, Aruba, Barbados, Hawaii, Bermuda and Jamaica. She enjoyed sharing her trips with her family, especially her grandsons.

Lucille was a member of Faith Hope Baptist Church for over 25 years. She served as the Vacation Bible School Coordinator. She developed the curriculum and activities for young children from the surrounding communities teaching valuable lessons from the Bible to better prepare them for more fulfilling lives.

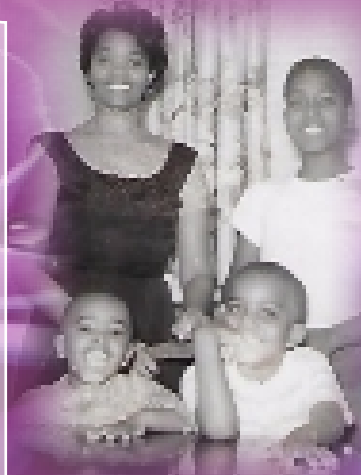
Lucille and her husband Roy enjoyed getting the family together for the numerous family reunions as well as the annual "4th of July Family Celebration" (which was usually held in late July or August). She enjoyed seeing her nieces and nephews, as well as their new additions to the family. The family celebration entailed pool activities, communal cooking and eating of prodigious amounts of food. It was an event that her family and her community of friends looked forward to annually.

Lucille passed away on December 22, 2016. She was predeceased by her husband A. Roy Kirkley, Sr., son A. Roy Kirkley, Jr., brothers Daniel Loftin, Junious Gaither Loftin, Leonard Loftin, Edward Loftin, and Fred Loftin. Lucille is survived by her sons Kevin L. Kirkley, Sr., and Kenneth A. Kirkley; daughters-in-law Kym and Jean; grandsons Kevin L. Kirkley, Jr., and Kelly Kirkley; brothers David Loftin (wife Eula), and Clarence Loftin (wife Olla); sisters-in-law Alberta Loftin, Almeida Loftin, and Florence Hatchett (husband Tom); and a host of loving cousins, nephews, nieces, and other family.



*There are rare people on
God's green earth that
bestow a legacy.
A true matriarch of love,
education, and hope.
You still remain as one.
Every time you smiled
we all saw suns;
As you will remain in
our hearts and souls.
You have always been
ahead of your time.
As a pillar to this family, community,
and always in God's sparkle.
May you rest in the arms of the
Lord as his special flower.*

*Kindrah Liddell
Great Niece*



Acknowledgement

*The Kirkley family wishes to take this opportunity to extend heartfelt gratitude and love to all who have embraced us during the illness and passing of our loved one. The tremendous outpouring of support, concern, sympathy and love, has overwhelmed our hearts and given us strength to stand together to weather the storms of life.
God bless each of you.*



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