

*Celebration of Life for*


*Mary E. Ann Richards*

**Sunrise**

April 16, 1962

**Sunset**

February 17, 2017

A portrait of Mary E. Ann Richards, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a white collared shirt. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle expression. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The portrait is centered on the page and partially overlaid by a large, soft-focus pink rose at the bottom right.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

**ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

139 Carroll Street

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. D.R. Clayton, Pastor

**Pastor S.A. Green, Officiating**

## *Reflections of Life*

**Mary Elizabeth Ann Richards** also known as “Ann” was born on April 16, 1962 in Barbados, West Indies. She was the daughter of Glenda Austin and Michael Griffith. She was a resident of Barbados and Paterson, New Jersey.

Ann attended school in Barbados until relocating to the United States—where she attended Eastside High School Paterson. She later studied at Drew University. She was employed for Escada in the Account Payable Department. Later, she worked for Michael Kors in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Ann was a loving and caring mother and daughter who loved and cared for all her family members. She loved to travel, spend time with her family, help others, and spend time on the beach. She treated everyone with love and respect. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, loving personality, and caring nature.

She was predeceased by her father, Michael Griffith and two sisters, Juliette Ward and Ermina Austin.

Mary is survived by: her children, Atianna and Micah Richards-James; mother, Glenda Austin; brother, Bruce Bell of Greenville, SC; uncles, Carlisle and Bentley Richards of Barbados; niece, Alexandria Ward; nephew, Joshua Ward and Tyrese Belle; and a host of cousins and other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor S.A. Green

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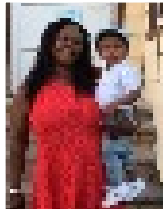
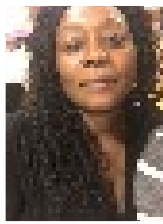
Recessional

## **Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park

239 Paramus Rd.

Paramus, New Jersey



## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

*-author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Mary E. Ann Richards** 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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