

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Organist Emeritus*  
*Elizabeth Eloise (Brown) Johnson*



*Sunrise*  
*February 4, 1922*

*Sunset*  
*February 27, 2017*



## *Reflections of Life*



**Elizabeth Eloise (Brown) Johnson**, was born in New York City on February 4<sup>th</sup> 1922. She was the daughter of the late Deacon John Lacy Brown and Deaconess Bessie Irene (Hicks) Brown.

Betty as she was known to others, grew up in Hackensack, New Jersey. She was saved accepting our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age.

In 1938, Betty rendered a piano selection over New York City Radio Station W.O.V. at the age of sixteen as a student of the New York School of Music. She graduated from Hackensack High School, Class of 1939, and was married the following June 1940 to Richard Ernest Johnson of Hackensack in Elkton, Maryland. From this union, they were blessed with two children, Marvin E. Johnson of South Orange, New Jersey and Marlene E. Holmes of Rutherford, New Jersey. Richie and Betty lived briefly in Hackensack before moving to Rutherford in 1943.

Betty retired in 1986 from Flex-Brockway of Carlstadt, New Jersey after twenty-seven years of service. During the fifties and sixties, Betty was the pianist for the Physical Education classes in the Rutherford School System and also Miss Debby's Dance School in Northern New Jersey.

Betty served as an organist of the New Christian Missionary Baptist Church in Paterson, New Jersey, New Hope Baptist Church in Hackensack, New Jersey, John Wesley Methodist Church in East Rutherford, New Jersey and was Organist Emeritus at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in



Rutherford where she had played for nearly forty years. Betty also played for the Early Morning Praise Service at the church until September of 2016, at the rightful age of 94.



Betty also played in the 1950's as the accompanist for Dramatic Soprano, Isabelle Waldron of East Rutherford whose voice resonated in music halls and churches of New Jersey and New York like the sound of Marian Anderson.

Many people of the Rutherford community knew Betty as gifted in music, personable and giving in her life's spirit.

Heaven opened its doors and God dispatched an angel to give Elizabeth Eloise Johnson a personal escort from Alaris-Health Care in Rochelle Park, New Jersey to her heavenly home at 7:44 a.m. on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the age of 95.

She was predeceased by her husband, Deacon Richard Johnson, her son and daughter-in-law, Donald J. Holmes and Sandra E. Johnson.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her loving son and daughter, Marvin E. Johnson and Marlene E. Holmes; grandson, Christopher J. Epps; granddaughter, Monica E. Johnson; great grandchildren, Christopher J. "CJ" and Tatiana C. Epps; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, neighbors, community members and the Alaris Health Care Staff.



Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

**Monday, March 6, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.**

**MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH**

27 Elm Street

Rutherford, New Jersey

**Rev. Ray Frazier, Pastor**

**Order of Service**

Prelude

Opening Sentences ..... John 11:25-26

Invocation

Hymn of Faith ..... “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - II Corinthians 5:1-5

Remarks & Family Tribute

Reflections of Life.....Read Silently

Solo.....Musician

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Ray Frazier

*“Reserved for the Master”*

Recessional.....Clergy & Family

**Interment**

*Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 10:00 am*

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

Clifton, 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 **Organist Emeritus Elizabeth Eloise (Brown) Johnson** 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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