

Celebrating The Life of
Louise A. Beard

Sunrise
October 24, 1925

Sunset
March 14, 2017



Thursday, March 23, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

72 Carroll Rosa Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alexander McDonald, Officiating
Joel Rudolph, Jr., Organist

Reflections of Life

Louise Ann (Briddell) Beard was born October 24th 1925 in Salisbury, Maryland to the late Spencer and Ella Briddell. She was the 3rd oldest of their twelve children. She graduated high school in Salisbury Mary.

After high school, she went to work at a restaurant called The English Grill as a short order cook until she became a live in housekeeper working for Caucasian families at a time when African Americans were not viewed as a reputable or trustworthy race. She was born at a time when there was segregation depression and Jim Crow laws, and she survived through all of these. Louise was a housekeeper for 10 years when she met an married William Ivory Beard Sr. from Augusta, Georgia they were married for approximately 45 years, she had 5 children, Virginia, Patricia, Sheila, William Jr. and Norman.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Spencer Jr., Robert, Ernest, Norman, Marie, Joanne, and two of her children, Virginia and Norman.

On the afternoon of March 14th 2017, Louise passed away at the age of 91 peacefully after battling with diabetes, dementia, heart failure and a stroke she was at the Preakness Heath Care Center where she was trying to recover from her last battle with a stroke and heart failure.

Louise leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory, her daughters, Sheila, and Patricia, her son, William Jr., four grandson, Michael, James, Dwayne and Dashawn, two great grandchildren, Amahrie and Michael Jr, 4 siblings, Richard, Elizabeth, Nancy and Margaret, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

*“...in His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night,
but joy cometh in the morning.”
Psalm 30:5*

MUSICAL PRELUDE.....Brother Joel D. Rudolph Jr.

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament (Psalm 23:1-6)

New Testament (1 Corinthians 15:19-22).....Minister Wanda Pye

PRAYER OF COMFORTReverend Janet Sims

MUSICAL EXPRESSION..... Brother Joel D. Rudolph Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

& RESOLUTIONS.....Reverend Beverly Pearson

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE.....Reverend Beverly Pearson

REMARKSDeacon Willie Addison
(Please limit remarks to two minutes)

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

MUSICAL EXPRESSION.....Sister Kim Mack

EULOGYReverend Dr. Alexander McDonald III

RECESSIONAL

Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, 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 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!

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Louise A. Beard** 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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