



Celebrating The Life of
Mari Ethel Ramey

Sunrise
March 9, 1942

Sunset
March 9, 2017

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

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Bro. Stanley Mason, Officiating



Reflections of Life

Mari E. Ramey departed this sphere of existence Thursday, March 9, 2017. She was born March 9, 1942 (no error) in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Odessa and Ulysses Ramey. She was the third of three daughters emanating from the aforementioned union. As an infant Mari's family migrated North to Lima, Ohio, where Mari was reared. In 1960, at the age of 18, Mari graduated from Lima Senior High School. In 1962, at the age of 20, Mari gave birth to her only biological child, Guylyn (Guy) Keith Ramey (Piankhi Anyabwile Iyapo). Circa 1967, Mari moved to Paterson, New Jersey, leaving her young son behind in the loving care of her Aunt.

In 1970, Mari's son joined her in Paterson from Detroit. In 1973, Guy asked his mother to enroll him in a military academy located in Monroe, Michigan. Almost instantaneously, Mari the remarkable made this request reach fruition, enrolling her son in the military academy. Shortly thereafter, with her son away matriculating in Michigan, Mari embarked upon a career at North Jersey Training School that would span more than three decades. While employed at NJTS, Mari served several terms as shop steward of the local AFSME Union and several terms as it's president. Mari also served several terms as a board member of the Private Industry Council allocating funding for vocational training. Mari personally undertook the task of apprising people of the existence of said vocational training and encouraging them to take advantage of same.

As a young, single African American woman, Mari invested in real estate and for a number of years maintained properties in three state simultaneously. Mari served as a tangible, firmly grounded source of inspiration for family members, friends, and countless others who encountered her; especially budding, entrepreneurs and would-be, first time home owners. Mari was Jehovah's

Witness and thoroughly enjoyed doing service work in the community until declining health prevented her doing said work.

Mari was preceded in death her mother, Odessa Ramey, father, Ulysses Ramey, two sisters, Cathrine Stewart and Louise Townsend, aunt, Mary O'Neal, uncle, Troy Cook, niece, Tonya Stewart, nephews, Antonio Stewart, Gregory Stewart, Karl Stewart and Steven Ramey, cousins, Elmer Cook and Carolyn Patrick, daughter-in-law, Paula Cox-Iyapo and friends, Cardell Beachum and Robert Stroub.

Mari leaves to cherish precious memories: her son, Piankhi Iyano; adopted son, Tracey Scott; adopted daughter, Joann Gillison; adopted grandson, Iben Cox; Gillison and Green Children; cousins, Bobby Morris, Sharon Little, Karen Sue Sanders, Troy Cook and Kay Cook; nieces, Linda Yarborough, Darlene White, Teresa, Stewart, Karol Stewart, Dariel Johnson-Jimenez and Rosalind White; nephews, Edward Coleman, Ronald Townsend and Roscoe Townsend; friends, Ann Williams, Richard Fields, Ernestine Howl and Alberto Dixon; and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Remarks

Song

Discourse
Bro. Stanley Mason

Closing Prayer

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 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 **Mari Ethel Ramey** 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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