

Celebrating The Life of
Margaret E. Harper

Sunrise
March 11, 1940

Sunset
March 22, 2017



Thursday, March 30, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN AME ZION
259 S. Broad Street
Ridgewood, New Jersey
Rev. Mack Brandon, Officiating

Reflections of Life

"Be Not Afraid"

Margaret Elizabeth Harper was born on March 11, 1940 in Poolesville, MD to the late Margaret Dorsey. She was the second youngest of four children. Margaret, affectionately known as "Poochie" was educated in the Montgomery County School system.

As a young woman she relocated to Ridgewood, NJ in 1963. Margaret was kind and generous. To know her was to love her. She enjoyed Latch hooking, Jigsaw puzzles and Jeopardy but her passion was gardening. She had the "Greenest Thumbs" ever!! Then...there was something about the name James...She loved the soulful beats of James Brown and the soothing sound of James Cleveland. Margaret was a member of the Modeling Club "The Charmers" of Ridgewood. She loved to walk and could often be seen walking to and from town...rain or shine saying it was good exercise!! She loved her family and was most happy sharing the Holidays and special occasions with them.

Margaret loved the Lord and her Church family. Having received the Right Hand of Fellowship at Metropolitan AME Zion Church she was a faithful and diligent worker. Known for her catering skills she took pride in working for years alongside Mrs. Milton, Etta Thomas and Claudia Thomas at the Harvest Home Dinners and the Infamous Palm Sunday Tea.

Employed at the Ridgewood Nursing Home as Chief Cook, she received the Outstanding Service Award in 1995. She cooked with pride and fed the Residents as if her own family. Margaret retired after thirty years of service.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, Margaret gained her wings and entered the gates of Heaven.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Dorsey, sister, Ida White and brother, Richard Lyles.

"Mama" leaves her gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, Compassion and Loving ways onto her son, Larry Harper (Celia Rose); five grandchildren, (her Missy) Mia Reardon (Steven) (her Man) Vaughn Harper, Danielle Mann-Harper, Ariel Mann-Harper and Ayana Harper; one great grandson, Amari Reardon; sister, Marjorie Mae Hunter; niece, Angel Jean Thomas and her daughter in love, Diane Banks, a host of family, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Michael Parker

Hymn of Praise.....“We've Come This Far by Faith”

Scriptures

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:27

Prayer of Comfort

Condolences and Resolutions.....Diane Banks

The Obituary

Selection.....“Precious Lord”

Words from Family and Friends

Solo.....“Eye on the Sparrow”

Eulogy.....Rev. Mack Brandon

Recessional.....“I'll Fly Away”

Interment

Valleau Cemetery
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Repast following at the Church

Serenity Prayer

*GOD, grant me the Serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can, and the
Wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,
not as I would have it.*

*Trusting that He will make
all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life, and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

Amen

-Author unknown



Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Margaret E. Harper** 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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