

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF

*Robertha Bracewell*

Sunrise: November 10, 1944 - Sunset: March 24, 2017



**Service:**

Friday, April 7, 2017 - 12:00 Noon

**METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION**

597 Bergen Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

**Nathaniel Legay, Officiating**

## *Obituary*

**Robertha Bracewell** was born in Crossville Liberia West Africa on November 10, 1944. She was raised by a single mother Adeline Clarke. Her mother was a nurse who studied and practiced and in France, which placed her in the care of her Uncle and Aunt –Henry and Amanda Hill.

While in elementary school, she met her long time friend Sando Bracewell who would later serve a different role in her future. Sando became a sailor and spent much time work at sea. Robertha attended St. Theresa’s convent in Monrovia Liberia from elementary school to high School. She graduated from the University of Liberia with a degree in English in 1970. She was a member of the track team and a straight A student at the University. Upon graduation, she was employed by the local government.

When Sando returned from sea, he and Robertha married in 1971; she gave birth to her first child Sando Bracewell II on April 3rd, 1972. Robertha and Sando Sr. made trips between the United States and Liberia before settling down in Philadelphia, PA United States In 1972. While in Philadelphia, PA, she worked as a seamstress. On March 14, 1976 Robertha gave birth to her second child, Adama Bracewell in Philadelphia, PA. She and Sando eventually relocated to Jersey City NJ where she settled and made her permanent home. Robertha gave birth to her third child, Jatu, on June 3, 1980.

A few months after Jatu was born their long time friend, Nathaniel Legay invited the family over to his church, Metropolitan AME Zion Church. Robertha attended Metropolitan under the leadership of Andrew Wesley Mapp, Rev George W. Maize and Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay. Robertha was a member of the Choir, Stewardess Board #2 and Trustee Auxiliary, as well as a Class Leader. She was best known for the adorable Tom Thumb Weddings that she organized at Metropolitan for so many years. She was a beloved member that served on several projects and committees during her 36 year membership at Metropolitan A.M.E Zion Church.

Professionally, she worked as a teacher for Jersey City Head Start Child Development for over 25 years. Where she began as a volunteer and through her dedication and commitment she worked her way up to head teacher at several centers across the city, until she fell ill and left on medical leave. Robertha also had an entrepreneurial spirit, she started her own business creating wedding, baby shower, and party favors here in Jersey City. She would volunteer her free time teaching arts and crafts at the local library.

Robertha is survived by one brother, Harold Clarke. Her children Sando II, Adama and Jatu, Lydia and Cerue Bracewell-Kingg. 6 Grandchildren: Sando III, Jeovanni, Ian, Eve, Ethan, and Laila. As well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews from the Hill and Holder families.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

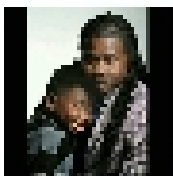
Selection

Eulogy  
Nathaniel Legay

Recessional

## **INTERMENT**

Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey



## Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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