

In Loving Memory of



Mary L. Copeland

Sunrise
October 18, 1930

Sunset
June 9, 2017

*A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while,
and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.*

John 16:16

Saturday, June 17, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

66 South Grove Street

East Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Tammy Christian, Officiating

Obituary

Mary L. Copeland, 86, sunset on June 9, 2017 after living a prosperous life. She was born in Estill, SC to the late Mr. Richard Wilson and the late Victoria Bellinger.

Mary was raised in South Carolina. In her later years, she moved to Washington, DC and then to the Bronx, NY where she met and married Harold McKinley Copeland (deceased) on September 21, 1966. Of this union the late Ira Hopkins, Jr.

Mary was a talented person who mastered several things. Her main occupation was as a self employed seamstress. While being a housewife. After marriage, she dedicated herself to her family, friends and community.

Mary leaves to cherish two brothers, Jessie Wilson, Sr. and Watson Bellinger, Sr.; five grandchildren, great grandchildren; and a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was predeceased by three brothers, Ivory Bellinger, Charles Bellinger, Sr. and Richmond Wilson, Sr. and sister, Mattie Housey.

Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

Order of Service

Music of Comfort

Processional
Pastor Tami Christian

Prayer
Elder Alice M. Jones

Selection
Gail Campbell, Minister

Scripture
Minister In Training
Kenneth Hinnant

Selection
Toby Carson, Minister

Remarks
Family & Friends

Selection
Family

Condolences & Obituary
Melody Brister
Sharon Spruce

Selection
Toby Carson, Minister

Eulogy
Pastor Tami Christian

Viewing
Whigham's Funeral Director

Committal & Benediction
Pastor Tami Christian

Interment

Brigadier General William C. Doyle
Veterans Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey

Repast

13 Chauncey Avenue • East Orange, NJ



Our Special Aunt

*It takes a special lady And we thank the Lord above
You are more than an Aunt But a second Mom.
We're blessed with your friendship and Love*

Pallbearers

Kirk Morris Ransom Shannon, Jr.
Travis Wilson, Sr. Travis Wilson Jr.
Ira Hopkins III

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

Special thank you to Amanda Morris and Vitas

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