

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Mary Lizzie McMillan Poe*



*Sunrise*  
*July 20, 1937*

*Sunset*  
*July 18, 2017*

*Tuesday, July 25, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Dr. Kay F. Banks, Officiating**

**Scott Cumerbatch, Organist**

## *Reflections of Life*

On July 20, 1937, Abraham and Hattie "Tiny" McMillan welcomed their second child, **Mary Lizzie** into this world. Mary answered God's Heavenly call Tuesday, July 18, 2017 when her life was fulfilled.

Mary Lizzie was baptized at an early age at Mechanicsville United Methodist Church where she was very active in various church ministries. When she relocated to Paterson, New Jersey, she attended the Canaan Baptist Church under the leadership of The Reverend Gadson L. Graham.

"Sister", as she was affectionately called, attended the public schools of Lee County where she graduated with the Class of 1956 from Dennis High School. She furthered her education at Allen University School of Nursing and earned a degree as an LPN in 1958.

Mrs. Poe was a life-long employee of the Barnert Memorial Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. During her tenure of forty plus years, she served in many nursing capacities. She retired in July 2014 for the sole purpose of moving back to South Carolina to care for her sister.

Mary Lizzie was preceded in death by her her husband Edward Poe, parents and two brothers, Abraham, Jr. and Willie McMillan.

Left to embrace memories are: her loving daughter, Jacqueline (Rory) Sparrow of Bloomfield, NJ; three grandsons, Jacques (Whitney) and Rory, Jr. both of Dunwoody, GA, Stephon Sparrow of Shanghai, China; a great granddaughter, Denver Riley Sparrow of Pittsburgh, PA; two sisters, Pauline "Munchie" Davis of Columbia, SC and Alease Diggs of Washington, DC; two brothers, Edward (Shirley) McMillan of Irmo, SC and Richard "Bay" Blanding of Sumter, SC; an aunt, Virginia McMillan of Woodrow, SC; a sister-in-law, Evelyn "Nippy" McMillan of Hillside, NJ; a special life-long friend, like a sister, Pearl Whitaker; other special persons, Valerie, Sharon, Debra and Edward, Jr; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude  
Scott Cumberbatch

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-4  
New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort  
Rev. Dr. Kay F. Banks  
PDT Worship Center, Westwood, NJ

Recessional

## **Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, New Jersey

## *"One Last Call"*

Through the trials and through it all;  
We gather together for this one last call.  
Together through the tough times and together  
through the rain and through the sunshine;  
Through the laughs, tears, upsets and pains...  
Through the loss and through all the gains...  
From dust we came and to dust we shall return;  
I'm now headed for a greater home  
There's no need for devastation, no need to cry;  
I'm headed for my home on high.  
So, don't feel down or don't feel blue;  
Trust that God will never let us go sooner  
than we're supposed to. I knew you loved...  
I knew you cared. I'm grateful for the times we've shared.  
Do not look at this as my life ending, but  
view it as a brand new beginning.  
Be inspired and keep the faith, my friend,  
we shall meet up once again.  
Pull yourself together and don't fall apart.  
If I'm ever missed, just look inside your heart



## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Mary Lizzie McMillan Poe** 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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