

Celebrating the Life
Norma Sue Howe

Sunrise: October 7, 1931 - Sunset: July 22, 2017



Services

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - 12:30 P.M

Elmwood Presbyterian Church

135 Elmwood Ave
East Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Norma Sue Willard Howe was born October 7, 1931 in Lochgelly, West Virginia. She was the second of six children born to the late Wilson and Jessie Willard. Norma was a graduate of Garnet High School in Charleston, West Virginia, Class of 1949 and attended Bluefield State College, Bluefield, WV.

After relocating to New Jersey, Norma took classes at the Essex County Adult technical School in Newark. Upon finishing her curriculum she was employed by the Urban League before starting her long career as a medical transcriptionist at the East Orange Veteran's Administration (VA) Hospital as well as working part time at Clara Mass Hospital in Belleville. After retiring from the VA, Norma continued to work as a transcriptionist for several more years at Orange Memorial Hospital.

During this time she met and eventually married her husband, James M. Howe on July 3, 1958. From this union, there was one son, Derek, born June of 1959.

Norma was originally a member of the Trinity Cathedral in Newark. Upon moving to East Orange she joined St. Anne's Episcopal before finally claiming her home as a member of the congregation at Elmwood Presbyterian Church, also in East Orange. At Elmwood she was a devoted member, sang in Senior Choir, and attended bible study weekly for as long as her health would allow.

Extremely devoted to her entire family and all of her friends, she made sure to regularly communicate with everyone and was known to generously dedicate her time and resources to family and friends. Norma always remembered birthdays and anniversaries and cherished reunions and family gatherings. She loved her trips to the mall and lunch dates with her crew, "The Golden Girls."

Norma also took pride in her baking abilities. She was well known for her apple pies, chocolate cakes and most popularly, her pound cakes.

A little lady with a strong will, after having triple bypass surgery in 2011 Norma kept the bakery open and made sure to spend time with her friends after her recovery. Part of her daily routine included walking her special pet Solomon and watching jeopardy with her son.

On July 22, 2017 Norma was called home after 85 beautiful and impactful years. She was predeceased by her parents, one sister, Phyllis Howard, and her husband, James Howe.

She is survived by her son, Derek Howe (Valerie); two grandchildren, James Howe (Shari) and Jasmine Howe; one great granddaughter, Ashley Howe; two brothers, Wilson Willard (Francis) and Ernest Willard (Yvonne); two sisters, Connie Williams (Preston) and Delene Williams, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Opening Prayer.....Rev. Leon Mc Gill
CITI Church, Newark, NJ

Scripture Reading.....Rev. Leon Mc Gill
CITI Church, Newark, NJ

Selection.....EUPC Choir

Reflections

Obituary

Selection.....Nicole Barrow- White

Eulogy.....Rev. Maria Crompton, M. Div

Benediction

Recessional



I Said a Prayer for You Today...

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard-
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word!
I didn't ask for wealth and fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)-
I asked him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind!
I asked that he'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessing
And friends to share your way!
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small-
But it was for his loving care
I prayed for most of all.

-Remembering a Loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

Acknowledgement

With gratitude and love, the family expresses appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. May the lord continue to bless you richly and keep each of you in his care, Thank You.

-The Howe Family

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