

In Loving Memory of



Mary Louise Stewart

Sunrise
April 29, 1928

Sunset
August 3, 2017

Service
Thursday, August 10, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church
149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., Officiating

Her Life

On August 3, 2017, our loving Mary returned to our Creator.

Mary Stewart was born on April 29, 1928 in Zuni, Virginia. She was one of 3 children born to the late Altheus and Louise Liggins. Her primary school education begun in Virginia. She contracted Polio and was brought back to New Jersey to live with her parents. Her primary education was continued at the Crippled Children's School in Newark, New Jersey. Soon after she was mainstreamed into traditional elementary school at Abington Avenue School of Newark. She then graduated from Barringer High School in Newark, New Jersey in 1947. After High School, she pursued a career in nursing, where she attended various Institutions. She received her formal education at St. Vincent's Nursing School, Jersey City Medical Center, Essex County College Nursing program, and Caldwell College. Mary was a nurse for over 45 years and retired from United Hospitals of Newark, New Jersey, as a Registered Nurse and X-ray Technician.

Mary was affectionately known as "Little May" by family. She enjoyed nurturing her nieces and nephews and grandchildren, shopping for hats and shoes, travelling, painting and drawing. One of her most memorable trips was to Israel with a group from Metropolitan Baptist Church, where she had been a long-time member.

She was a constant student, where she had taken courses in religion, Spanish, music and art. She was always a non-judgemental listening ear.

Mary is survived by her two sons, Saleem A. Shareef and Aubrey K. Shareef; five grandsons, Lamar Shareef, Tariq Shareef, Nashid Shareef, Taj Shareef, and Malik Shareef; three granddaughters, Sabreen Shareef, Napiera Shareef, and Kaia Shareef; three great granddaughters, Shanai Shareef, Milani Shareef, and Gianni Shareef; one brother, James A. Liggins and his wife Sheila; one sister, Audrey Cox and her husband Ben; daughters-in-law, Racquel Foster and Terry Shareef; and, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

ProcessionalScriptural Sentences

Hymn Choir

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:17

Matthew 5:4

Hymn Choir

Reading of Comfort by Khalil Gibran Kaia Shareef
Reading The Calling

Poem Aubrey Shareef

Hymn Choir

Acknowledgements Racquel Foster

Remarks Please limit remarks to 2 minutes

Obituary Racquel Foster

Hymn Choir

Eulogy Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.

Benediction Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Glendale Cemetery • Bloomfield, New Jersey

REPAST

*The family wishes all relatives and friends to gather after services at
Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey.*

Thine Will Be Done

Climbed life's ladder to its highest rung
Now it's the righteous that I Stand among

But when you speak of praise, let his song be sung
For it's not mine, but thine will be done

And as sure as night skies proceed the Sun
I knew this day would surely come

Claimed victory lane in a race I've won
Still, it's not mine, but thine will be done

So to my friends, my family, my Grands, and Sons
I am in the land where the milk and honey runs

Wearing a crown and gown, from gold finely spun
For it's not mine, but thine will be done.

Lovingly, your son,
Aubrey K. Shareef

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.*

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