



Reflections of Life

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith"

II Timothy 4:6-7

Thelma Shuler Reid, daughter of the late Benjamin Shuler and Marie Williams was born on September 12, 1931 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Thelma departed this life on Wednesday, August 2, 2017, peacefully at Peace Care St. Joseph's Nursing Care in Jersey City, New Jersey.

After the death of her mother, her father married Ida Stevens who would later bring Thelma and her siblings to Jersey City, NJ. Thelma received her education from the public school system in Jersey City. She married Harry B. Reid on February 2, 1952 in Jersey City. From this union two beautiful daughters were born: Yvonne (Myers) and Harriet (Williams) who she loved dearly. All preceded Thelma in death.

Thelma worked many years in the textile industry before retiring. She was self-motivated and independent. Always willing to lend a helping hand, Thelma assisted with a smile on her face. Giving unselfishly of her time, wisdom and love.

Thelma loved to talk - no one was a stranger to her. She was a very loving and opinionated person - whatever she thought, she verbalized. She and her sister Catherine were always together; when you saw one, you saw the other. On Saturdays, Bonita would often drive them to the movies and shopping mall while referring to Grandma and Aunt Catherine as the "old people." Additionally, Thelma's grandson Kenny would frequently call from North Carolina just to say hi and see how Grandma was doing.

Thelma loved all her family dearly. She treasured those shared times spent when she was with family.

Thelma joined Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church many years ago under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. George W. Maize, III. She attended services regularly and supported the many programs and ministries. She was actively involved until her health began to fail. But she continued to keep abreast of what was going on. She committed her life to the Lord and had an abundance of faith. She was a member of Class Leader Board #3 and worked on the Bereavement and Kitchen Committee ministries which she took joy in doing.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one devoted sister, Catherine Kelly; one brother-in-law, Walter (Carl) Reid (Audrey); three loving grandchildren, Bonita L. Myers, Kenneth A. Reid and Ja'mar M. McNeil; eight greatgrandchildren, Tameika, Tyesha, Kenya, Donnyce, Dominique, Asia, Tyquanna and Briana; fifteen greatgreat grandchildren, Daniel, Destinne, Diant'e, Tanijah, Elijah, Mariah, Zion, Kenny, Jr., Denise, Nathan, Imani, Xavier, and Donnell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Thelma is preceded in death by three sisters, Esther Mack, Magrissa Fogle and Pernetha Solomon; three brothers, Alfonso, Benjamin and Samuel Shuler; two great great grandchildren, Jeremiah and Milan.

During her illness she was closely cared for by her nephew, Daniel and niece, Marie Kelly. Thelma also had special friends, Lisa Lovely, Catherine Thompson, Marie Wright and Viola Joyner.

Thelma lived her life as a good servant to God, family, church and humanity. Her gentle spirit will remain in our hearts forever.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Selection "Blessed Assurance"
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. George W. Maize III
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 23 Rev. Vajaah E. Parker New Testament - John 14:1-6 Rev. Kayron Jordan-Edley
Selection Sis. Johnsilyn Maize-Daniels
Condolences, Acknowledgements & Resolutions Barbara Waddell
Family and Friends
Obituary Tameika Lovely (Great-Granddaughter)
Praise DanceBre'yonna Frazier
The Eulogy Rev. Nathaniel B. Legay
Selection Sis. Johnsilyn Maize-Daniels
Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Bayview Cemetery Jersey City, New Jersey

Repast

You are invited to join the family following the interment in the church fellowship hall.

No need to worry, no need to cry nor question God and wonder why. My heart's at peace you're wondering how because my soul is with Jesus and I'm resting now. The services I gave for my family and friends were services of love, even to the end. Loved one's now look to Jesus for He knows best. He carried me home for I needed the rest. Family don't you cry and don't be afraid for me, already a way has been made. Keep trusting in Jesus and doing His will, through Jesus my presence you will always feel. Yes, my heart's at peace and my soul's at rest and you wonder how; it's because I'm with Jesus and I'm resting now. I'm in a better place as long as I'm with Jesus. I'm resting, just like a white dove I've flown away yet. I'm resting now.

In Appreciation

We would like to thank everyone for your love and support. Your thoughts, prayers and kind words have strengthened us during this time of bereavement. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have such loving family and friends. May God continue to bless you all!

Special thanks to the administrative and staff at Peace Care St. Joseph's Nursing Care. Fresenius Medical Care, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church family and all others who assisted in Thelma's care. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Family

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