

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Mary L. Upshaw, a woman with dark, curly hair, smiling. The portrait is set against a background of a bright blue sky with white clouds and a sunburst effect behind her head.

Mary L. Upshaw

SUNRISE

October 15th, 1939

SUNSET

September 24th, 2017

Visitation: Saturday, October 7th 2017 9AM - 11AM

Service: Saturday, October 7th 2017 11AM

Zion Temple Church of God in Christ

595 South 18th Street • Newark, NJ 07103

Obituary

Sister Mary L. Upshaw was born in Russell Union, North Carolina on October 15th, 1939 to the late Lizzie and Desmus Russell. She made her transition on September 24, 2017. She was lovingly known as Johnelle. At a young age she joined Burchette Chapel United Church in Mason, N.C. Later in life she relocated to New Jersey.

In January, 1960 she was joined in Matrimony to Ralph Upshaw. She then began to attend Zion Temple C.O.G.I.C. Under the leadership of her father-in-law Elder Dewey Upshaw. Mary worked faithfully in various departments in the Church and was especially known for her kitchen work and famous dishes. She always made sure the children had spaghetti and meatballs.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Lizzie and Desmus Russell, her siblings, Annie Bell Austin, Beatrice Seward, Edward, Badger, Alexander and Desmus Russell Jr. Left to treasure her memory are her loving husband Ralph Upshaw, her beloved sister Sally Hendricks, her sisters-in-law Vergie Russell, Dorothy Glover, Eunice Upshaw, Levora Griffin, Norman Williams and Ernell Sellers; and a host of God Children, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life

EXPEDITER.....BISHOP CHARLES HARRIS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.....BISHOP DUKE GRIFFIN

PROCESSIONAL.....CLERGY & FAMILY

Sealing of the Bier

PRAYERS OF COMFORT.....ELDER TROY GORHAM

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTUREPSALMS 30: 4-5
DEACON LARRY GLOVER

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE.....I CORINTHIANS 15:51-58
DEACON LARRY GLOVER

SOLO.....BISHOP GRIFFIN

REFLECTIONS.....FIRST LADY JEAN GORHAM

REPRESENTING THE FAMILY

REMARKS.....DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WALLACE K. THOMAS
JOHN JONES
EVANGELIST ROSEMARY OATMAN

THE OBITUARY.....EMILY GORHAM

SOLO.....EVANGELIST BARBARA BELL

THE EULOGY.....ELDER W. C. GORHAM

THE RECESSIONAL

ENTOMBMENT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH 2017 10AM
HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY
UNION, NEW JERSEY

Another Time and Another Place

Don't spend too much time in mourning, tears are for the sad, I left to be with Jesus, and this should make you glad. Don't waste your hours in grieving, no need to feel distress, I'm tired of life's frustrations, and had to get some rest. Don't vex yourself with questions, or try to reason why, life here for me has ended, it came my time to die. Don't lose the love I gave you, feed it with your care. Grow it with devotion, and spread it everywhere. Don't fret because of my leaving, I came in such a way, we'll have another meeting, in God's eternal day.

Pallbearers Family and Friends

Acknowledgment

During this time of bereavement

*The family of the late **Mary L. Upshaw** wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced in that deed. A special thank you to Pastor E. Gorham and Zion Upshaw Temple C.O.G.I.C.*

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