

Celebrating the Life & Legacy
Of
Ruby Patricia Ann Sheppard



Sunrise
April 15, 1940

Sunset
October 26, 2017

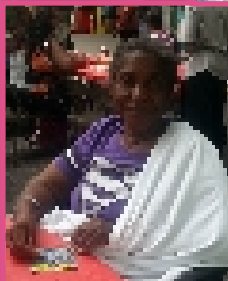
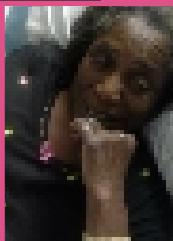
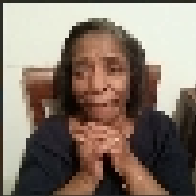
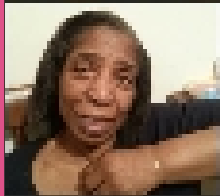
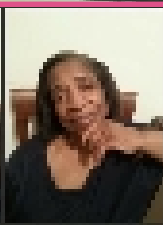
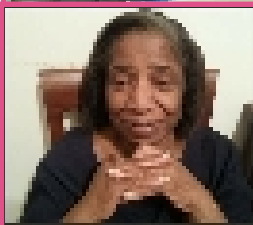
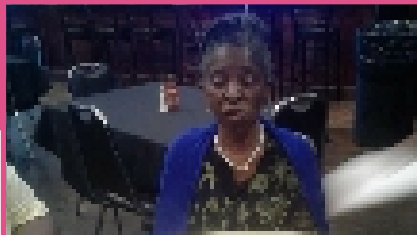
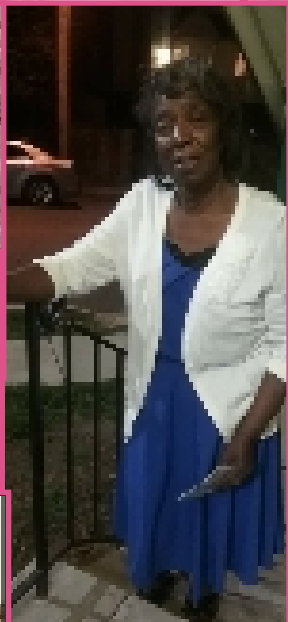
Service:

Thursday, November 2, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

THE ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH

22-24 Aspen Street
Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Mable Grier, Officiating



Reflections of Life

Ruby Patricia Ann (Little) Sheppard was born August 15, 1940 in Cleveland County, North Carolina, to John Wesley and Odessa (McIllwain) Little. She was one of ten children reared in a Christian home of love and a strong Christian ethic.

She peacefully entered into Eternal Peace on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

As a young girl, Ruby accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and began her journey in His discipleship at Rudisill Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Cherryville, North Carolina.

She attended John Chavis Elementary and High School graduating in 1958.

Ruby married Clyde Sheppard, their love and commitment blessed them with three daughters; Carla Marcia, Cheryl Celeste and Amalia Roxanne.

After re-locating to New Jersey in the 1960s Ruby later joined The Saint Paul Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Lucius Walker. She served with dedication on the Gospel Chorus, Senior Choir, Mass Choir; Pastor's Aide and worked with the Outreach Ministry. Ruby's pride and joy was serving as the President of the Kitchen Committee. She loved to cook and spent countless hours in the kitchen with her cooking partner Willie Cook, keeping up with The Saint Paul tradition of serving the best food in town! She was known for her famous "Sweet Potato Yams", baked beans and deviled eggs.

She was employed by The Prescott Company, The Red White and Blue Thrift Store, later retiring from Brenner Metal Products.

Ruby had a favorite spot on the bench in front of building 23, sitting and talking to everybody. She was loved by many and was affectionately known as; “Gram”, “Ma Ruby”, “Mrs. Ruby” and “Yogi”.

She is predeceased by her parents, John Wesley and Odessa Little, seven brothers; Roosevelt, Robert Lee, Willie James, Paul, Melvin, Carl and Sherwood, two sisters; Catherine and Julia Ann, grandson; Edward, great-granddaughter; Lailah and great-grandson Mario.

Ruby leaves to continue her legacy of love and to cherish amazing and wonderful memories, her three daughters; Carla Sheppard, Cheryl Thomas (Mark) and Roxanne Sams (Michael). Outside of her children, Ruby was affectionately the “Other Mother” to Kim, Polly, Frankie and Darryl Lipscomb (deceased). 11 grandchildren; Tiara, Shanaia, Jehon, Anissa, Chemere, Leonard, Sheridan, Johntae, Charlise, Javon and Michael. 14 great-grandchildren; Zhynae, Nicholle, Ticarra, Esani, Ezra, Brooklyn, DeShawn, Harlem, Camren, Wesley, Jehon Jr., Karmelo, Me’Lania and Kingston. Sisters-in-law; Betty Little of Cherryville, NC, Joyce, Mary, Sherrie and Betty Sheppard. Brothers-in-law; Rayford, Charles and Houston Sheppard. A Special aunt and best friend Mamie Lipscomb. Special friends Anna Brooks, Josephine Bryant, Olivia Webster, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and The Saint Paul Baptist Church Family.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn.....“God Will Take Care Of You”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Reverend Samuel Grier

New Testament - John 14:1-6Reverend Mable Grier

Prayer of Comfort

Selection..... The St. Paul Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements

Reflections of Life.....Reverend Mable Grier

Solo..... Gaylord Williams

Remarks..... Deacon James Chambers

Selection.....The St. Paul Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy.....Reverend Ashley Y. Lipscomb
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Passaic, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Friday, November 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey



Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Ruby Patricia Ann Sheppard** 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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