

*The Homegoing Celebration  
for*



*Mamie Mae Tarrver*

A portrait of an elderly woman, Mamie Mae Tarrver, wearing a grey hat with a dark floral decoration, glasses, a dark top, and a pearl necklace. She is smiling slightly and holding a small object in her hand. The background is a soft, light-colored gradient.

**Sunrise:**  
April 18, 1907

**Sunset:**  
December 19, 2017

**Service**

Thursday, December 28, 2017 ~ 11:00 am

**St. Mark's A.M.E. Church**  
34 High Street  
Cranford, New Jersey 07016  
**Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis, Pastor**



## *Life Reflections*

**Mamie Mae Tarver** was born on April 18, 1907 in Abbeville, Alabama to the late Franklin and Nancy Murphy. Her family moved to Newark, New Jersey when she was eight years old. Growing up, she attended Bethel Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. After moving to Cranford, New Jersey, she became a member of St. Mark's AME Church. She met and married the late Peter Tarver on May 30, 1922 and had been a resident of Cranford, New Jersey for 95 years.

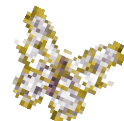
Mamie was a domestic worker and a caterer whose hors d'oeuvres were much in demand. Her picture was featured in Ladies' Home Companion magazine in the January 1955 issue showing her making hors d'oeuvres. Once Mamie retired, she loved making quilts and pillows for family and friends. She lived on her own up until her 100th birthday and moved into Cranford Health and Extended Care in Cranford, New Jersey.

On April 18, 2017, she celebrated her 110th birthday with family and friends and was featured in the Star Ledger on August 19, 2017. She called herself a 'prayer mother' and she truly was. She prayed all the time for anyone. One of her favorite prayers, which comes from her heart, was "Praise, praise, praise though your eyes may grow dim. Praise, praise, praise for God is ever on the line..." She recited this all the time. She was a true woman of God.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Peter Tarver Sr.; children: Peter Tarver Jr., James Tarver Sr., Geraldine Frederickson, James (Elsie) Tarver, Margaret McCray, George Tarver Sr., Nancy Morse, and Eric Tarver; daughters-in-law: Grace Tarver and Bertha Lane; grandchildren: Robert McCray, Jr., James Tarver, Jr. and Jeffrey Tarver; great-grandchild, Porsha Tarver; and siblings: Atlas Murphy, Leona Butts, Moselle Drake and Lodelle Hawks.

She is survived by her son, Harold (the late Grace) Tarver; loving daughters-in-law, Brenda (the late Eric) Tarver, and Meredith O'Neil (the late George Tarver, Sr.); loving sons-in-law, Norman (the late Nancy) Morse and Howard (the late Geraldine) Frederickson; 22 grandchildren: Gerald (Lisa) McCray, Arlene McCray (Lewis Lindo), Darlene (John) Parker, Harold Duane Tarver, Debra (Shigeto) Itabashi, Gerald Tarver, Sondra Frederickson, Wayne (Cheryl) Frederickson, Derek (Bernice) Frederickson, Stacy (Herbert) Ali, George Tarver, Jr., Mark Tarver, Tina Hardison, Tammy Lane, Desiree (Norman) Johnson, Antione Tarver, Hollee (Harry) Smith, Eric John (LaTanya) Tarver, Todd (Michele) Tarver, Michelle (Hastings) Huggins, Doreen Martinez (Carlton) Hicks, and Tiffany Basma; granddaughter-in-law, Beverly McCray; 32 great-grandchildren: Christopher (Jada) McCray, Kevin McCray, Monique (Ignacio) Vasquez, Marlana McCray, Rhett Parker, Gabrielle Parker, Waynard B. (Cara) Frederickson, Whitney Frederickson, Paige D. Frederickson, Sidnee R. Frederickson, Devin D. Frederickson, Wesley Johnson, Jade Bristout-Ali, Nina Ali, Andre Tarver, Cerissa Collier, Lamont Tyler, Jalil Lane, Antione Tarver, Jr., Ahmir Tarver, Austin Smith, Kendall Smith, Brooke Smith, Logan Tarver, Todd Tarver, Jr., Morgan Tarver, Brandon Tarver, Devyn Tarver, Jasmine Martinez, Brittney Martinez, Carl Hicks, and Amir Basma; and a host of loving great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family



# *Order Of Service*

Presiding: Rev. Dr. Julia M. Hawks Presley

Musical Prelude.....Lawrence Allen

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scriptures.....Rev. Rosetta Mason

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Stephen Presley

Solo.....“Stand” .....Deacon William McCleod

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & EXPRESSIONS**

### **READING OF OBITUARY**

Todd Tarver

Remarks.....Family and Friends

Solo.....“His Eye is on the Sparrow” .....Deacon William McCleod

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Julia M. Hawks Presley  
Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Interment</u></b> Fairview Cemetery Westfield, New Jersey</p>
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*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to  
The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey where a  
Repast will be served.*

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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## *God's Garden*

God looked around his garden and found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest  
God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.  
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb.  
So, He closed your weary eyelids, but you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

### Pallbearers

Todd Tarver	Derek Frederickson
Gerald McCray	Wesley Johnson
Eric John Tarver	Christopher McCray
RaSahn Presley	

### Honorary Pallbearers

Allan Hawks     Stephen Presley

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mamie Mae Tarver** acknowledges with the deepest appreciation, every expression of love, support and prayers expressed to us during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you.

