



Celebrating A Life Well Lived



Deaconess

Bertha V. Shipman

Sunrise:
August 25, 1934

Sunset:
January 7, 2018

Service

Saturday, January 13, 2018 ~ 10:00 am

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church

91 Division Street

Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206

Rev. Steffie Bartley, Sr., Pastor



Life Reflections

Deaconess Bertha V. Shipman was born to the late William Lee Gallman, Sr. and Bessie Geneva Gallman on August 25, 1934 in Newberry, South Carolina. She departed this life to be with the Lord on January 7, 2018.

Bertha was educated in the Newberry, SC schools. She graduated from Drayton High School. She moved to New Jersey soon afterward. She resided in Newark, NJ and eventually Elizabeth, NJ. She was a resident of Elizabeth, NJ for 55 years. She worked at Singers, Simmons Mattress, and the Elizabeth School system as a Teacher's Aide at School #1. She retired from School #1 after 25 years in June 1999.

Bertha accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age at Hannah AME Church in Newberry, SC. She loved the Lord and served Him faithfully while in Elizabeth at St. John AME Church, New Hope Memorial Baptist Church and White Rock Baptist Church. Her Christian service as a church member/leader included being a Deaconess, Missionary, Mother Board, Trustee Board appointee, Sunday School Teacher, Delegate at the National Baptist Convention, Vacation Bible Study teacher, Coordinator of a Soup Kitchen for the homeless and community, and on the choir.

Bertha was married to Thomas Shipman from Whitesville, NC. They shared a love and devotion that spanned 65 years. Bertha was the mother of seven children. Two preceded her in death, Kelvin Shipman and Anita Shipman and are now united with her in heaven. She also joins her sisters, Betty Joe Harp, Brenda Privott and Mary Neal in glory.

Bertha loved her family deeply. She was a strong woman, kind hearted, compassionate and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, spiritual mother and friend. Her legacy of love, sense of humor, and wisdom were great and far exceeded imagination.

She leaves to cherish her memory of 83 years, her husband, Thomas Shipman of Elizabeth, NJ; three sons, Rodney D. Gallman (Sheila) of Lakeview Terrance, CA, Thomas G. Shipman (Betty) of Snellville, GA, and Anthony Shipman of Lancaster, CA; two daughters, Francine Shipman of Elizabeth, NJ and Deborah A. Ruffin (Richard) of Roanoke, VA; one brother, Councilman William Lee Gallman, Jr. (Eva) of Elizabeth, NJ; two sisters, Gaynell Borders (Willie) of Elizabeth, NJ and Sandra Lee Sims of Columbia, SC; seventeen grandchildren, two of whom she raised, Tanisha Shipman and Latasha Jackson of Elizabeth, NJ; seventeen great-grandchildren who affectionately called her "Nana" and "GrandMa"; and a host of beloved nephews, nieces, dear family members and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Bell Johnson

Scriptures

Old Testament: 23rd PsalmApostle Cliff Simms

New Testament: II Timothy 4:6-8

Solo.....“I Won’t Complain”Muriel Salters

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary.....Vanessa Wilkerson

Remarks..... (Limit 2 minutes)

Solo.....Muriel Salters

Eulogy.....Rev. Steffie Bartley, Sr.

Recessional

Interment
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to return to the Church where a Repast will be served.

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pallbearers

Kelvin Shipman, Jr.	Anthony Shipman, Jr.
Antoine Shipman	Willie Borders, Jr.
Randy Hill	Carl Hunter

Notice of Change of Address

Dear Family and Friends:

I want you to know that I have moved. I received a call from God the Chief Architect who informed me that my new house is ready and that I could move immediately, I just didn't have time to give you notice. You all know that I have been sending up my timber in my own way, packing up a little at the time getting ready to go, but there were some minor things to do, some to finish, some finishing touches on some timber that only the Chief Carpenter Jesus Christ could help me do. I also had to wait for Him to let me know when He had finished some of the little things that were too broad, too thick or not long enough. Well, my new home is finished and it's such a beautiful sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate area and it sits behind a beautiful Pearly Gate, just off a severe celestial shore. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday here, I have been told. I have lived several places before my new home was prepared and none of the others could compare. There is peace, joy and happiness here with no more pain and cares of the world to bear. No strife or discontent, there is only sweet serenity everywhere and I could go on exploring around my new home, but I have to get fitted for my wings. Let me give you my new address, because I highly recommend you make plans to live here too:

Bertha V. Shipman

*12 Gates To The City Avenue
Godstown, Heaven 77777*

Oh yes, let me tell you this I don't have a telephone yet, but just call God. If you don't have His number, He's listed in the Good Book on every page, contact Him.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Deaconess Bertha V. Shipman** 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.



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Father & Son*

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