

Celebration of Life
Rebecca Charity Durham

Sunrise September 4, 1931 Sunset March 28, 2022



Oscar Isom • Rod Ford • Coree Ford

Hoknowledgements

The family of the late Rebecca Charity Durham wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a special way.

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Service
Friday, April 8, 2022 • 12:00 noon

St. Luke Baptist Church

139 Carroll Street • Paterson, New Jersey 07501
Reverend Kenneth D. R. Clayton, Pastor
Terrence Kitchings, Organist

Obituary

Rebecca Charity Durham grew up in Paterson New Jersey and was the sixth child of William and Mary Bryant, born on September 4, 1931. Rebecca matriculated through elementary school Number 4 and graduated from Eastside High school. She was the baby girl out of the seven children. Rebecca loved her family, and you could always find her with her sisters.

Rebecca cherished her friendships and acquaintances. The friendships she developed were dear and close. As Rebecca walked this life, she encountered many and had many friendships in St Luke Baptist Church and beyond. Rebecca was such a kind genuine, generous, and loving person. When you came into her presence whether family, friends you felt her warmth, compassion, and caring soul. She loved to laugh, and it would touch your heart.

Rebecca and family were disciples at St. Luke Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Albert Moses Tyler. Rebecca's father William and Mary Bryant were ones who trusted in the Lord. The parents reared their children up in teaching of the Lord, so they understood they needed to have connection to Christ. Rebecca's father Deacon William Bryant was a man of prayer. Rebecca served as part of the Sunday School and intermediate choir at church at young age.

Rebecca continued her Christian discipleship under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth D.R. Clayton at St. Luke, which is a Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known. Rebecca was part of Sunday School, served as a Trustee, Senior VIP and outreach with Christ House Food and Clothing Center. Rebecca was dedicated to her community and wanted to always beautify her home and community.

Rebecca valued her community. You could find her daily sweeping the streets of Godwin Ave all the way to Carroll and Graham. She was the woman with the broom and if you spoke with her, she would give you straight truth about taking care of our community and about Jesus' love. Rebecca loved to just sit and talk with you. She loved family cookouts and the cooking of her baby brother Joseph. She traveled on many cruises with family and friends outside the United States.

Rebecca started her career in data entry (keypunching) at companies in NJ and also worked in retail with Sears and Roebuck for over 20 years in -Hackensack, N.J.

Rebecca met, fell in love and married Willie Frank Durham. From this union she had one daughter Denise Nadine Durham.

Rebecca was a member of Prince Hall Fidelity Chapter 16 Eastern

Star where she served and had office of Worthy Matron in 1990. She served as OES appointment Worthy Dean, District Deputy and Grand Matron of 7th order of Eastern Star and she served as Treasurer of Fidelity Chapter 16. Service was her love - helping someone along the way.

Rebecca moved to Maryland with her daughter and joined the First Baptist Church of Guilford under the leadership of Pastor Tyrone P. Jones IV. She served and attended Sunday School, Missionaries, and a member of the Seasoned Saints.

Rebecca always stated, "whatever you do, do your best".

Rebecca was preceded in death by her husband; Willie Frank Durham, her parents; William and Mary Bryant, siblings; Albert Bryant, William Bryant, Alice Robinson, Marylee Bryant, and Joseph Bryant, Niece June Covington, nephews; Tommy Robinson, Junius Champelle, Kenneth Bryant, JC Campbell, Aunt Evelina Campbell.

Rebecca Charity Durham departed this life at Gilchrist Hospice Care in Towson, Maryland at 3:30 a.m. very peacefully on Monday, March 28, 2022. God called her home from this earthly life to her eternal life. She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy, her daughter; Rev. Denise Ford (deceased Elbert), her grandchildren; Elbert (Rod) Ford, Coree D. Ford, great grandson; Zion R. Ford, nephews; Ronald Isom (Bobbie), Albert Isom (Dorothy), Oscar Isom, Otis Bastin (Peaches), Dexter Pickard (Antoinette), great-niece; Eboni Covington (Edward), Francesca Isom, Natasha Isom, Janel Robinson, Tommie Robinson, Mariel Isom, Shameka Isom, Lynn Isom, Kathleen Bryant, great-nephews; Jared Covington, Jamal Covington, Darnel Isom, Arthel Isom, Ronald Isom II, James Isom, Jared Covington and a host of more nieces and nephews.



Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

#27 "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament:
Psalm 23 by Deacon Derrick Ford (FRMZBC)
New Testament:
John 14:1-6 by Craig Bryce

The Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Aaron Powell

The Hymn of Hope and Assurance #248 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort

Sis. Sandra Cranford – Friend Rev. Lisa Robinson – FBCOG Rev. Denise Ford – Daughter

Reflections of Life

Sis. Carrie Britt (MSBC)

Selection

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Min. Cappucine Hines

The Message of ComfortPastor Clayton

Recessional #189 "It Is Well"

<u>Interment</u> Cedar Lawn Cemetery Paterson, New Jersey

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