

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Katie E. Hooks

Sunrise
May 8, 1936

Sunset
May 15, 2022



Service

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield

245 Passaic Street • Garfield, New Jersey 07026

Minister Gina McKinney, Presiding

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Pastor

Lawrence Lyles, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort

#10 "O How I Love Jesus"

The Written Word

Psalm 27

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Consolation

#432 "I'll Fly Away"

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Selection

Reflections of Life

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Recessional

Inurnment

Thursday, May 26, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Avenue

Clifton, New Jersey

Obituary

Katie E. Hooks was born Mae Katherine Emerson on May 8, 1936 in Winnsboro, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Charlie and Pearl Emerson. Katie was the third of five children born to Charlie and Pearl. However, she was by far the most inquisitive child. Growing up Katie longed for excitement and was said to always be on the go.

Katie attended the Winnsboro School District and graduated from Fairfield High School. After graduating, Katie met and married David Hooks in 1954, and relocated to Passaic, New Jersey. She joined the St. Paul Baptist Church family under the leadership of Rev. Lucius Walker pastor. During her thirty plus years at St. Paul, Katie served on both the Scholarship Aide Committee and the Gospel Chorus. Later, Katie joined Bethel A.M.E Church under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Oliver Thomas. At Bethel she became an active member of the Scholarship Committee where she served for a time as Vice President. Katie was also a Sunday School worker and faithful member until her health no longer permitted her to attend.

Katie was drawn to the hustle and bustle of Passaic and soon became engrossed in the close knit community; making many lifelong friends. Her love of Passaic led to her becoming active in many organizations and events in the city. Katie was a member and past Vice President of the Passaic Branch of the NAACP.

Katie was employed for ten years at the Latch Simpson Dental Lab in Paterson and then as an interviewer for the Passaic Housing Authority from which she retired in 2003 after twenty years of service.

Katie worked on many political campaigns in Passaic along with her friend Gerald Simms and soon saw the election of the right persons elected to the city's well being. In 1981, Katie was appointed to the Passaic Board of Education in the spot left vacant by her good friend Max Tananbaum and went on to be elected to the Board in her own right. During her time as a board member Katie fought tirelessly for the children of Passaic.

Katie Hooks was known to be a wealth of information and a connector of resources for the city as well as for her family. Katie will be missed by many.

Katie is predeceased by her parents and siblings, Margaret Oree Emerson, Rubye Clayborne, Arlene Pressley and John Emerson.

She leaves to remember many fond memories her beloved nieces Min. Melanie Pressley of Hamilton, NJ and Malissa Pressley Coleman (Anthony) of Passaic, NJ, Carol Whittington, Frisco, TX and Francesca Emerson, St. Augustine, Florida and two nephews, Michael Clayborne of Winnsboro, SC and Andrew Clayborne of Monroe, SC, one Uncle, John Ed Caldwell (Elnora) of Hartford, Connecticut as well as special great niece, Ashley Coleman of Paterson, NJ and her brothers Brian and Michael Coleman of Passaic, seven additional great nieces and nephews, adopted niece Mae Ray of Passaic, a slew of adoring cousins, many close friends and the entire community of the city of Passaic.

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

Acknowledgements

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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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