

*Remembering the Life
of*



Ethelyn S. Barksdale

Sunrise: October 17, 1940 - Sunset: June 3, 2023

Thursday, June 15, 2023

11:00 AM

Brown's Funeral Home

122 Plainfield Avenue • Plainfield, New Jersey

Rev. Reginald McRae - Officiating

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Jim Cooper

Opening Hymn..... ‘Blessed Assurance’

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Reginald McRae

Scripture Readings.....Ron Wilcox

Old Testament - Psalm 27

New Testament - I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Reflections..... 2 Minutes

Acknowledgements

Obituary. Diana Corbin

Selection

Message of Comfort..... Rev. Reginald McRae
Mount Zion AME Church
Plainfield, New Jersey

Recessional..... “When We All Get to Heaven”

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Obituary

Ethelyn Stephenetta Perry was born October 17, 1940 in Belvidere, NC to Geneva Perry. Ethelyn moved to Plainfield, NJ with her mother, in the 1950s and remained in Plainfield for the remainder of her life. Ethelyn was given the nickname "Stevie" by her aunt Blanche Perry Hall when she was a child.

Stevie married Alonzo Dicks and the union produced three sons, Phillip Dicks, Darnall Dicks and Stephen Dicks. Stephen predeceased his mom in 1997. Stevie attended the Plainfield, School system and worked at several of the local factories in Union and Middlesex counties.

Stevie married William D. Barksdale in October 1979 who predeceased her in February 1988. Stevie was a very spiritual person and loved the Lord. She was filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues and often encouraged her family to read the bible. She was very interested in starting a church with her husband, but never saw these plans come to fruition. Stevie had a great sense of humor and always had a funny story to tell. We will miss her laughter.

Stevie spent her final days at the Complete Care Nursing Home, formerly The Woodlands in Plainfield NJ. Stevie passed away Saturday, June 3, 2023. Stevie leaves behind numerous first and second cousins and her special 'Uncle Julius C. Perry'.

Rest in Peace dear Stevie

The Master Called
I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown

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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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