

*Celebrating the Life
of
Georgie*



Georgie Anna Branham LaRue

SUNRISE
APRIL 15, 1927

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2010

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Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church

428 NORTH 41ST STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

REVEREND JAY B. BROADNAX, PASTOR



Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

³Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

⁴One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

⁵For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

⁶And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

⁹Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

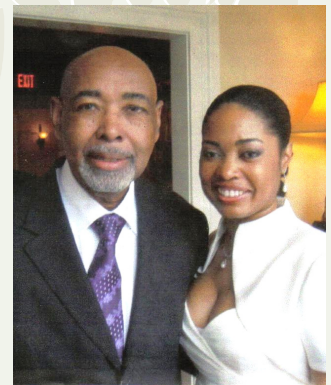
¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

¹¹Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

¹²Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.



A Psalm of David

Order of Service

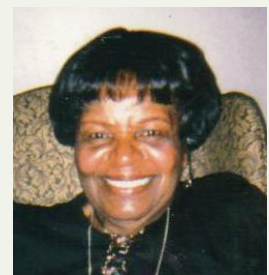


- Organ Prelude Sister Barbara A. Kennedy
- Procession Clergy & Family
- Hymn of Triumph Congregation
#450 - *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*
- Prayer of Comfort Reverend Dr. Marguerite E. Handy
- Scriptural Sentences Reverend Phyllis A. Harris
Old Testament - Psalm 27
New Testament - John 14: 1-6
- Choral Selection Mt. Pisgah Choir
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- Expressions of Comfort Family & Friends
- Song of Praise Sister Elaine W. Gleaves
He'll Understand
- Acknowledgements and Resolutions Sister Arthean L. Wicks
- Reading of Georgie's Life Story Sister Valda Branison
- Solo Sister Diane Wilson
Walk Around Heaven All Day
- Eulogy Reverend Jay B. Broadnax
- Solo Reverend Jay B. Broadnax
The Peace of the Lord
- Recessional Congregation



Interment

Rolling Green Memorial Park
1008 West Chester Pike
West Chester, Pennsylvania



Repast

Family and friends are invited to return to Mt. Pisgah.

Georgie's Life Story

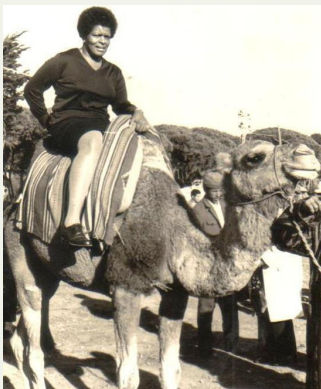
Georgie was born on April 15, 1927 to the late James Allen and Elizabeth (Parker) Branham in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All of her siblings (Amanda, Eleanor, James, McKinley and Phillip) preceded her in death.

Georgie graduated from West Philadelphia High School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her warm and outgoing personality was apparent even then.



In 1947, she married the late Harry Edward LaRue, and from this union came their beloved daughter Linda (pictured on left). Georgie was truly a family oriented woman whose relationships with her relatives were tightly knit and laced with devotion. She loved entertaining and preparing great meals, and enjoyed the fellowship of family and friends.

Georgie was employed as a Contract Specialist for the United States Navy Aviation Depot. She was recognized for her outstanding performance several times during her tenure, and retired after thirty-four years of service.



Georgie loved to travel, and has been in almost every state within the United States. She enjoyed several cruises. She has visited numerous cities and countries in Europe, Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean. Georgie was adventurous, curious, and relentless in her quest to appreciate other cultures. Georgie particularly enjoyed traveling with her daughter, Linda.

Her influence has been even more profound at home. Georgie enjoyed giving. She established a scholarship fund in memory of her mother at the Monumental Baptist Church in 1991. She was a founding member of the Gaskins Hopkins Pride Scholarship Committee at Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church. Even as she struggled to preserve her health, she continued to give to various organizations, family and friends, including the Cancer Support Group at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.



Georgie was active in civic life and in her neighborhood. Her inclination to improve the quality of life around her compelled her neighbors to elect her Block Captain. She additionally worked at the polls in her ward during election time.

Georgie truly loved the Lord. For over seventy years, she was an active disciple for

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. -John 14:2



the Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church that she loved dearly. Her service began as a Junior Usher. Georgie taught in Church School and Vacation Bible School. She also belonged to the Historical Committee. Georgie was a former Women's Day Chairperson, and a Trustee Emeritus. She was also elected as a delegate for the First District Annual Conference. For over twenty years Georgie served as president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Ushers, who honored her in 2007 for over thirty-five years of service. She was presented the Christian Leadership Award under the pastorate of the Reverend James L. Dandridge.

Besides serving God and traveling, Georgie was an avid fan of the arts. She was enriched by the theatre and was a subscribing member of the Philadelphia Orchestra. She was especially fond of the traditional Christmas programs presented in Philadelphia and New York.

In 2004, Georgie made her home at the Simpson Gardens in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. She was embraced by the residents there and was elected Vice-President and subsequently President of the Simpson Garden Council, and Chairperson of the Sunshine Committee. She was also a regular attendee at the Simpson Garden Bible Study.

As the years went by, Georgie continued to be one of the most active networkers that we know. Her days began with scores of phone calls with family and friends. Georgie spoke with her daughter Linda daily. The number of people touched by her faithful interest and encouragement was reflected in the hundreds of cards, flowers and calls that poured in to express comfort and love. Georgie was joyous, and her enthusiasm was infectious. She made occasions memorable. She created a place in which those around her learned to delight in each other's company and the simple pleasures of loving life and each other.



The many lives that Georgie touched have been made better because of her. She will be fondly remembered for her natural beauty inside and out. She has been a blessing to far more people than we can count, and she will live on in the hearts of generations to come.

We leave to cherish her memory: her loving daughter Linda; her faithful adopted niece, Valda Branison; devoted cousins, Herman Smith, Velta Pelham, Cynthia Davis, Bertha Rucker, Rebecca White, and Trudy Charles; a host of nieces, nephews, and in-laws; her Godchild, Sandra Settle Roy; and a host of friends, including Dr. Stacey Settle and Catherine Austin Fitts.

The peace of the Lord be with you Georgie until we meet again!

Remembering Georgie

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■ **Scholarship Fund:** Philadelphia's Mt. Pisgah AME Church conducted a \$3,690 EBONY subscription program to raise funds for student scholarships. Oneida Silverware prize winners were (l-r) Mrs. Ruth Davis, Eleanor Cogdell, Rev. George T. Sims Jr., Mrs. Georgie B. LaRue and Pauline Andrews, "Miss Ebony."



We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 5: 8

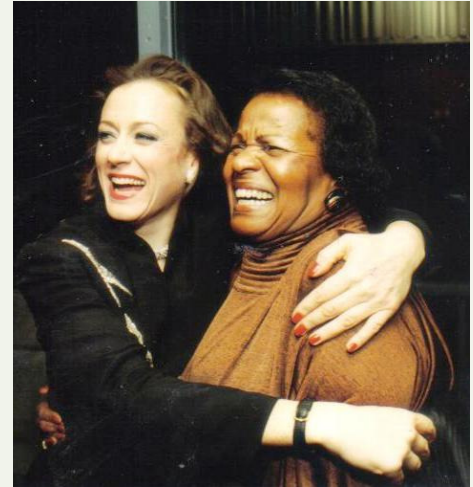


Tributes



You are my mentor, my teacher, my prayer warrior, my dearest friend. I love you Georgie. Go with God.

Catherine Austin Fitts



Georgie was a friend friend. She drew friends to her. She was an absolute 'lady' who turned negative into positive. She was a wonderful leader.

Henrietta Stukes



The world is full of beauty when the heart is full of love. Thank you Ms. Georgie for being the wind beneath my wings.

Deana R. Rivers



The family invites you to share your additional tributes to our dear Georgie on the Terry Funeral Home Inc. website at

<http://www.terryfuneralhome.com/>

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. - Matthew 5:16

My Godmother, Georgie, was absolutely the best... an inspiration to me throughout my life. She will remain forever in my heart. Thank you, Georgie, for always supporting me and reminding me of Psalm 118:24.

With much love,
Sandra Settle Roy



Georgie was a very good friend of mine, and I loved her dearly. I will miss her terribly. She was an exceptional lady full of wit, grace, and dignity. I will certainly miss our friendship. She was very kind and very thoughtful. I will always remember her as a very kind, caring and loving personality.

Pauline I. Andrews

Georgie LaRue:

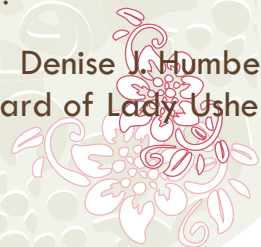
Graceful, kind and loving... a role model as a Christian, a lady and an usher. Mt. Pisgah has been truly blessed by you.

Joyce A. Criss
Supervisor, Junior and Young Adult Usher Board



You were always there for me from being my Sunday School teacher, to motivating me to being a great usher. I'll remember you always. To God be the Glory!

Denise J. Humbert
President, Board of Lady Ushers



Arise Woman of God

by - M.S. Lowndes



Rise up O woman of God in what He has given you;
The things God has laid on your heart; rise up, go forth, and do.

Unlock what God has placed within; the potential you have inside.
The world is waiting for your release to expand your wings and fly.



Arise in your God-given gifts for this is your finest hour!
Arise in the Lord's holy might ignited and empowered!

For God is calling you to come forth to impact this world for Him.
Don't hold back or limit yourself; let His power arise within.

And take His message to the world to those that have lost their way.
For you can surely make a difference
If you'd hear His voice and obey

You shall be strengthened in the Lord as you begin to arise;
Conquering those doubts that pull you down
And believe who you are in Christ.

For you shall surely be transformed as in you, God increases more;
And become a woman of true excellence bringing honor to her Lord.



Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The flowers that you sent that day,
The cards you mailed along the way
The service you stopped by to render,
The gift you brought with thoughts so tender
The prayers you prayed which played a part
In easing the pain that's in our heart
Each helped us to find strength to bear
The loss of one we held so dear
So from the hearts you helped to mend
We thank you again and again and again.

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Blessed Assurance



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

