

After the Clouds

*After the clouds, the sunshine; after the winter, the spring
After the shower, the rainbow, for life is a changeable thing.*

After the night, the morning, bidding all darkness cease.

After life's cares, pains, and sorrows,

The comfort and sweetness of peace.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Diane M. Ashford wishes to express appreciation for the thoughtful expressions of love and support received during this time. To our many friends and church family, proper acknowledgement will be made at a later date.



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324 South Vanderhorst Street
Winnsboro, South Carolina

HOME GOING SERVICE

FOR

DIANE M. ASHFORD

1953 ~ 1993



Service

Wednesday, December 1, 1993
6:00 p.m.

ALPHA BAPTIST CHURCH

15 Rose Street
Willingboro, New Jersey

REVEREND DR. JOSEPH BASS, PASTOR
Officiating

OBITUARY

SISTER DIANE M. ASHFORD went home to be with the Lord on November 26, 1993. She is survived by a devoted husband, Deacon Larry, two daughters, Latrise and Jessica, her mother, Mrs. Jessie K. Lewis of Ridgeway, South Carolina. She is also survived by two brothers, Mr. Eddie Lewis of Philadelphia, PA, and Mr. James K. Lewis of Columbia, South Carolina and a sister, Mrs. Delois Smith of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and many, many friends.

After graduating from Winnsboro High School in Winnsboro, South Carolina, Sister Diane had a very full and diverse employment history. Brother Larry and Sister Diane were married on January 22, 1974 and resided in Columbia, South Carolina from 1974 to 1979. During that time, Sister Ashford was employed as a banking representative for the South Carolina National Bank and later as the bookkeeper for WOIC Radio Station. From 1979 to 1981, the Ashford's resided in Tuskegee, Alabama where Sister Ashford was employed as a banking official with the Alabama Exchange Bank. From 1981 to 1985 the family resided in Akron, Ohio where Sister Ashford worked as a Utility Technician for the Ohio Edison Utility Company. Her last position was with the Burlington Coat Factory, Headquarters Division, Burlington, NJ in a supervisory capacity.

A true and devoted christian, Sister Ashford was always faithful in the service of the Lord. She always had a smile and a positive word for everyone she met. Regardless of the struggle, Sister Ashford always had a positive outlook on life, always leaning on her faith in God.

In passing Sister Diane requested to leave these words;

To my Mother, please don't cry for I have always felt your undying love. Just remember, I may be absent from you in body, but now I am present with the Lord.

To my precious daughters, I am so proud of the both of you. I Thanked God everyday for these beautiful gifts of life. Just remember that "Faith and Believing" is the key to eternal life. I will always love you.

To Eddie, Kenny and Delois, thanks for your love. God has truly blessed us. Just remember God's grace is sufficient and he will sustain you. Please continue to believe.

To Lawrence, you have always been there for my every need and for that I leave you with my undying love forever and ever. You have been ordained in the army of the Lord. He has blessed you with so many talents. I leave you on this earth knowing that you will use those talents to the glory of the kingdom.

To my Pastor, the saints of Alpha Baptist, my beautiful colleagues from work, and other family, friends, neighbors and all believers, thank you for your kindness, thank you for your caring and most of all, thank you for your love. Until we meet again;

I Love You

Wednesday, December 1, 1993

Opening Sentences

Processional

Song ~ "Blessed Assurance" Echoes of Joy/Congregation

Prayer

Scripture

Solo ~ "Riding Through The Storm" Sherri McNear

Acknowledgments

Song ~ "I Shall Wear A Crown" Echoes of Joy

Remarks

Obituary

Song ~ "I've Been Touched" Echoes of Joy

Pastor's Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Joseph Bass

A further memorial service will be held in Ridgeway, South Carolina at St. Mark Baptist Church on Sunday, December 5, 1993 where interment will take place.