

100th

Birthday Celebration
HONORING

Mother

Ione Braithwaite Ortiz



Tuesday, December 19, 2017 • 5:30pm

Seashore Gardens Living Center

22 W. Jimmie Leeds Rd. Galloway, NJ 08205

Celebrating 100 Years
December 19th $\frac{1917}{2017}$



*For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endures to all generations.*

Psalm 100:5

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Let's Celebrate 100 Years

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Ione Gertrude Braithwaite Ortiz daughter of the late Zaccheus and Louise Braithwaite, was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on December 19, 1917. She is the proud mother of two children Bernard Tullis now deceased and Urylene Judy Grate of Mays Landing, New Jersey; grandmother of Mrs. Cheryl Belle and Keith Tullis of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tanay Anderson of Norfolk, Va; great-grandmother of Kerklyn Tullis, Carmen Moore, Jamal and Alea Tullis of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Donald and Demond Hawkins of Atlantic City, New Jersey; 12 great-great-grandchildren; one niece Mrs. Marie Grate Alexander; two nephews Howard Bey and Earl Brock; numerous great nieces, nephews, cousins an extended family.

A graduate of New Jersey Avenue School and Atlantic City Girls' Vocational School, she majored in dressmaking and designing. She was later employed by the U.S. Marine Corps where she received a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding and Dedicated Service (Hmmm...That's probably where she learned to give orders and cut those corners so well as an usher).

Anyone who knows Ione knows that she has been a faithful member of Community Baptist Church from the ground up literally speaking. She would often tell the story of Reverend Arthur Lee Morris (1st pastor of Community Baptist Church) standing in the doorway of an empty building at 234 N. New Jersey Avenue asking her to help him get the building together to start a church. In surprise to his request she asked, "In what?", because it was just a trash house - no doors, no windows..., but she started helping him get the trash together: They got all the trash out and finally got to the dirt; that was the floor. Together, they and others put windows, doors, and a floor in that old trash house which now stands as Community Baptist Church.

Formerly, Mother Ione sang on the Senior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Lucille Howard, she organized and was the first president of the Rosary Club and orchestrated her culinary talent as senior cook.

Her affiliations included: member of the Senior Ushers' Ministry of Community Baptist Church, member of the New Jersey State Ushers Association, New Jersey Church Ushers Unit, Advisor to the Jr. Usher's Ministry of Community Baptist Church, past president and trustee of the former United Sons & Daughters of the Island Organization, member of the Hostess Ministry of Community Baptist Church (which she previously served as president for many years), president of the Tenants Association of Shore Park Hi-Rise and served as a Foster Grandparent for approximately 30 years with Atlantic Human Resources.

In 1996, Dr. D, Samuel L. Madden, Jr. and members of Community Baptist Church conferred upon her the title "Mother of the Church," and what a befitting title it is for she has mothered many whether they thought they needed it or not.

Ione is a very caring person who reaches out to others without them even realizing it. It was not unusual for you to miss the Jr. ushers after they have performed their service on the 3rd Sunday and find them in the Fellowship Hall eating danish and juice or hot dogs, chicken wings and macaroni salad compliments of Mrs. Ione and her endearing "sister," Mrs. Nellie Wilson; or, perhaps, to pop your head into Pastor Madden's office on Sunday morning and find him eating breakfast prepared by her especially for him.

She would give you wake up calls as early as 4:00 A.M. and tuck you in at night with her call to make sure you returned safely. One of Ione's favorite pass times was shopping early in the mornings going to Pathmark on the bus at 6:00A.M., many times her son Bernie would accompany her. As time passed Ione's health prevented her from attending church on a regular but she was sure to get her spiritual uplift from watching various TV ministries on Sundays.

Now at 100 Ione is relaxing with new friends at Seashore Gardens Senior Living Center, Galloway, New Jersey.

**MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS HER BOUNTIFULLY!
HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, MOTHER IONE**

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PROGRAM
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Celebration Time

HONOREE

Mother Ione Gertrude Braithwaite Ortiz

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ms. Judy Grate

Blessing

Lunch Is Served

Happy Birthday To You, "Mother Ione"

Serving Dessert

Tribute

Rev. Maria Brooks

"This Is Your Life"

Mrs. Donna Clinton

Reflections

Family & Friends

Selection

Remarks

Ms. Judy Grate

Social Time



Our Story

We come from a long line of women,
who have always been workers and strivers,

Women of color and courage,
of spirit and spunk – true survivors,

Women whose dreams light their journey
at even the darkest of hours,

Who trust in their ultimate purpose
and have confidence in their own powers,

Women whose faith keeps them going,
who prayerfully lift up their eyes

To the Lord, who they know will be with them
all the way as they reach for the prize.

Through strength of character, self-confidence, and lots of hard work,
women of our community have earned a place of honor and respect.

Thank you for being one of these mighty women.

Submitted by,
The Family

