

## TEARS

If tears could build a stairway  
And memories a lane  
We would walk right up to Heaven  
And bring you home again  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow  
What it meant to lose you  
No one will ever know

Author unknown

Gone is the face we loved so dear, silent is the voice we loved to hear  
Too far away for sight or speech, but not too far for thoughts to reach,  
Sweet remembrance of her who once was here,  
And who, though absent, is just as dear.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The family of Raquel Mayfield-Bradford wishes to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the outpouring love, concern, support, compassion, and most of all the prayers during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

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## HOME GOING CELEBRATION FOR

*Raquel D. Mayfield-Bradford*

SUNRISE  
July 11, 1968

SUNSET  
April 17, 2016



*Service*

Monday, April 25, 2016  
12:00 P.M.

*Living Word Christian Fellowship*

81 State Highway 35  
Neptune, New Jersey

Officiating: Pastor Traci Akins



ORDER OF SERVICE

- Organ Prelude.....
- Processional.....Clergy, Family, & Friends
- Comforting Musical Selection.....Praise Team  
Triumphant Life Church
- Scripture Readings
- Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
- New Testament.....John 14: 1-6
- Prayer of Comfort.....Min. Qaasim A. Johnson  
Triumphant Life Church
- Musical Selection.....Praise Team  
Triumphant Life Church
- Acknowledgements .....Min. Pamela Jenkins
- Expressions.....Please limit to two minutes
- Work
- Friends
- Family (2)
- Silent Reading of the Obituary.....
- Solo.....Kelli Sanders
- Eulogy .....Pastor, Lyddale J. Akins  
Triumphant Life Church
- Benediction and Recessional.....



INTERMENT  
Private



OBITUARY

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, Raquel Dionne Mayfield-Bradford, 47, received a call from HIM who never makes a mistake. He said, “I see your struggles. You have kept the faith. Come unto me and I will give you rest.”

Raquel was born in St. Albans, New York on July 11, 1968, the daughter of David Sr. and Hermeione Mayfield. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents Howard and Ida Roscoe and paternal grandparents Melton and Lennie Mayfield. She was a 1986 graduate of Jackson Memorial High School in Jackson Township, New Jersey. In 1991, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Mass Communications from Norfolk State University.

Raquel accepted the Lord at an early age and was baptized at Macedonia Baptist Church in Lakewood, New Jersey. While at Macedonia, she was crowned the 1986 Cotillion Queen. She continued to be an integral part of the Cotillion in the role of mentor and mistress of ceremony. She was also director and an active member of the gospel choir.

While in college, she was an active member of Greater Mt Zion Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA. Upon returning to New Jersey, she later joined Macedonia Baptist Church in Neptune, New Jersey. Raquel was a member of Triumphant Life Church, Asbury Park, New Jersey where she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Youth Mentor, and a member of the prayer team. Raquel loved and knew the Lord!

Raquel held various jobs in multimedia and marketing. Some included Asbury Park Press, New York Post, Black Enterprise, Diversity Inc. and Working Mom magazines. She also worked for US Radio in Norfolk, VA (102.9 FM). She was currently employed with Townsquare Media Group (101.5 FM).

Raquel married Leonard Bradford on December 31, 2005. From this union was born one son, Demetrius David Bradford. Raquel was a devoted and loving Mother. Demetrius meant the world to her, which was evident by her hard work to provide a stable and loving home for him. Family meant everything to Raquel.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Leonard; son, Demetrius of New Jersey; parents, David Sr. of South Carolina and Hermeione of Virginia; a loving brother, David Jr. (Maria) of Florida; two nephews, Sabastian and Noah; a loving aunt and cousin, Francine and Shannon Harris of Virginia; uncles, Melvin (Rosie) and Douglas (Joyce) Mayfield of South Carolina; two wonderful Godparents, Karl and Beverly Crudup; and a host of other relatives and friends.