

*In Loving Memory of*

*Dorothy M. Johnson*

Hello  
July 10, 1952

Goodbye  
February 8, 2011

*Friday, February 18, 2011 - 12:00 Noon*

**MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*11 Ashland Avenue  
East Orange, New Jersey*

*Rev. Michael J. Jordan, Pastor*

## Obituary

*“Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”*

*Matthew 11:28*

***Dorothy Mae Johnson*** was born July 10, 1952 to John Ella Parker and the late Willie Burns in Stokes, North Carolina. Dorothy moved to New Jersey in the early 1960's.

*Dorothy was blessed with her oldest son, Epimetheus Burns. In the late 1970's she married Rudolph Johnson, Jr. From that union were born one daughter, the late Jasmine Johnson and one son, Rudolph Johnson, III. Dorothy was a devoted and selfless mother. Her zest for life and her knack for “keeping it real” is what her family will forever cherish.*

*Dorothy graduated from Arts High School, Newark, NJ in 1970. In keeping with her passion to help those in need, Dorothy attended the Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing, graduating prestigiously with her Registered Nurse Certification and counting to become a Licensed Registered Nurse in 1994.*

*Dorothy's eagerness to empower and inspire others, led her to Lincoln University where she obtained her Masters Degree in Human Services in 2007.*

*Throughout the years, Dorothy became actively involved in her nursing career at various healthcare facilities. It was her empathy, compassion and dedication that led her to become an outstanding member of the healthcare community.*

*Dorothy then pursued teaching. Dorothy's overwhelming sense of humor and ability to encourage others to learn became her strongest assets in the classroom.*

*Dorothy sincerely believed in the capacity of people to grow and change. She dedicated her career as a helping professional to improve the quality of life for others.*

*She was predeceased by her daughter, Jasmine J. Johnson.*

*Dorothy is survived by: her mother, John Ella Parker; her husband, Rudolph Johnson, Jr.; her brothers, Harvey Parker and wife, Mamie Parker, Willie Burns and wife, Evelyn Burns; her sons, Epithemeus Burns and wife, Lashon Burns, Rudolph Johnson, III and wife, Lauren Johnson; granddaughters, Tamia, Keyaira and Elissa; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.*

# *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude*

*Seating of the Family*

*Invocation*

*Opening Hymn* ..... *“Farther Along”*

*Scripture Readings* ..... *Rev. Earl Thurmond*

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

*Prayer of Comfort* ..... *Ronald Fairley*

*Selection* ..... *Rachel Jackson*

*Tributes* ..... *Ronnie Boseman*

*Gladys A. Lee*

*Tandra Burns*

*Obituary* ..... *Rev. Dijait Evans*

*Selection* ..... *Rev. Michael J. Jordan*

*Eulogy* ..... *Rev. Michael Jordan, Pastor*

*Mt. Olive Baptist Church • East Orange, NJ*

*Recessional*

## *Interment*

*Rosedale Cemetery*

*Orange, New Jersey*

*Following the interment friends are invited  
to join the family for a repast back at the church.*

# *What Do I Owe*

*By Dorothy M. Johnson*

*On sleepless and starless nights*

*What pain invades my soul*

*To have another take control*

*As I lie here*

*Is it fear*

*My conscious mind screams no*

*My physical being yells more*

*To bear the burden of forbidden yearning*

*To whom do I owe this insatiable burning*

*Of unquenchable thirst*

*Should I walk away*

*And cease to feel*

*Or continue this journey*

*And see what's real*

*Oh what pain invades my soul*

*As I lie here*

*Is it fear*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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