

*A Celebration of Life
of*

Sunrise

November 9, 1930

Sunset

May 11, 2011

LaVerne Smith Thorne

Service

Monday, May 16, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

66 South Grove Street • East Orange, NJ

Minister Renee Brown Johnson, Officiating

The Obituary

LaVerne Smith Thorne, “Aunt Smitty”, “Mom”, “Sis” and many other affectionate names, was born November 9, 1930 at Orange Memorial Hospital in New Jersey. She was the third child of Mettie and Raymond Smith, both deceased. LaVerne attended Newark public schools and graduated from Essex County Adult School as a Practical Nurse in the 1940’s. Her nurses’s training was performed at New York and New Jersey hospitals. Due to chronic illness, LaVerne retired from United Presbyterian Hospital in Newark, NJ.

A few years after meeting J.C. Thorne at a family celebration, they married March 10, 1957. They had no children but claimed all children as theirs. LaVerne continued taking a large part in the raising and encouraging of many children even after the death of her husband in 1975. It was common to see her driving here-and-there with her car filled with kids.

LaVerne grew up in an active Christian family at Calvary Baptist Church in East Orange, NJ. She loved ushering and became the President of the Young Lady Ushers for many years.

Although LaVerne’s health deteriorated and she required the use of a wheelchair, she came to church every Sunday for years due to the gracious assistance of Calvary members who comforted her after she was no longer able to drive herself and her two sisters to church.

For the last few years LaVerne was house bound and attended to by her faithful friend, Mary. She leaves to rejoice in the lively, loving life she led; her two sisters, Ann Smith Brown and Lily Smith; many nieces, nephews; and a host of other relatives, friends and co-workers.

The Family

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Congregational Hymn “Solid Rock”

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-2,4-5 &12 Calvary Deacon

New Testament - 2nd Corinthians 5:1-8 Calvary Trustee

Prayer of Comfort

Solo Mrs. Iona Thomas

Resolutions/Reflections

1. Ushers

2. Antoinette Montague

3. Resident Cooper Gate House

Obituary (to be read silently)

Eulogy Minister Renee Brown Johnson

Recessional “I’ll Fly Away”



Repast immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Little Ship

I stood watching as the little ship sailed out to sea. The setting sun tinted his white sails with a golden light, and as he disappeared from sight a voice at my side whispered, "He is gone".

But the sea was a narrow one. On the farther shore, a little band of friends had gathered to watch and wait in happy expectation. Suddenly they caught sight of the tiny sail and, at the very moment when my companion had whispered, "He is gone" a glad shout went up in joyous welcome, "Here he comes!"



Thank You

The family of **LaVerne Smith Thorne** thanks all of you for your words and deeds of comfort. LaVerne lives through the lives her spirit touched. May God Bless and Keep you All.

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