

*In Loving Memory of*

*Belinda Allise Holmes*

*Sunrise*  
*August 19, 1954*

*Sunset*  
*October 4, 2011*

*Saturday, October 8, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.*

**FAITH & VICTORY DELIVERANCE CHURCH OF GOD**

118-120 Lord Avenue  
Bayonne, New Jersey

*Reverend Edward Purnell, Pastor*  
*Elder Debra White, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Belinda Allise Sheppard McNear Holmes** was born on August 19, 1954 to Queen Ester Sheppard and the late Charlie Minniefield in Jersey City, New Jersey. “Linda” as we affectionately called her departed this life on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at approximately 11:00 a.m. at Englewood Hospital, in Englewood, New Jersey.

Linda was educated in the Jersey City School system. She graduated from Henry Snyder High School in 1974. After high school, Linda married her childhood sweetheart, Keith McNear. To this union a daughter was born. Later, she had a son. After many years passed, Linda met Herbert Holmes. They were joined together in Holy Matrimony in 1992. Herbie died suddenly in 1994. For much of Linda’s adult life, she was gainfully employed by the law firm of Milbank Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York City. Linda worked tirelessly night and day, and on weekends trying to make a better life for her and her children.

Linda had a contagious love for basketball. She was an avid fan of the Chicago Bulls especially while Michael Jordan played the game. Afterwards she still remained enthusiastically committed to following the game.

Linda was an inspired cook whose desire for trying new dishes was only matched by her willingness to create those same dishes in her kitchen to share with her family and friends. Linda loved to collect African American Art, fine china, crystal, clothes and shoes. She would light up a room with that big beautiful smile and impeccable sharp sassy style. She was a “fashionista” before the term was ever invented.

Linda was a very caring, compassionate and concerned person. She was always willing to support the church, friends and family financially or lend a helping hand. Many were blessed by her charitable spirit.

Her Christian fellowship and affiliation was with St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church on Kennedy Blvd. Linda always stayed in touch with childhood friends and co-workers. Her love and loyalty to family and friends will always be remembered. Belinda’s cherished memories will forever live in the hearts and minds of many people.

Linda leaves to cherish her loving memories: her loving daughter, Tia Stephens (Gary); son, Thomas McNear (Demetra); grandchildren, Jeremiah and Kayla McNear; brothers, Willie, Dwaine and Troy Sheppard; sister, Ronda Carswell; niece, Jasmine Adkins, nephews, Carter Adkins, II, and Kyle Carswell; sisters-in-law, Vivian Sheppard and Debra Adkins; brothers-in-law, Christopher Carswell and Carter Adkins; Godson Marguay Thomas; Goddaughter, Chloe Sullivan; long time dear friend, Karen Sullivan; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

*“A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised”*

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Clergy

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection ..... Bro. Clarence Johnson

Remarks (Please limit your remarks to under two minutes)  
Family, Friends, Co-Workers, Clergy

Acknowledgment of Condolences

The Reading of the Obituary ..... Minister Joyce Williams

Selection ..... Bro. Clarence Johnson

Eulogy ..... Rev. Ronald Sullivan

Recessional ..... Clergy, Officers and Family

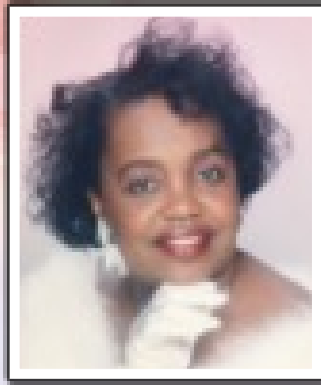
## **Interment**

Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey

*Repast will be held in the church immediately following the Interment.*

## *Thank You, God, For New Beginnings!*

*Endings and beginnings, closing and opening doors, new experiences and the day-to-day routines - all are needed and important. What is most important for us to know is that every day, every hour, every moment is a new beginning. We can begin again! Whatever yesterday held is in the past. Painful memories are dissolved, and disappointments are swept away. In this moment all, including each one of us, is made new. We can begin again! Even if doors have closed to some meaningful experience, we know that even greater good is in store. Let us catch the vision of new doors, new opportunities that are opening to us. We are growing and unfolding as we continually say yes to God's plan of good for us.*



### *Acknowledgement*

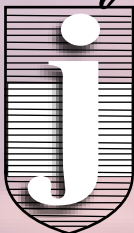
*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

*God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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*Professional Services Entrusted To:*

*jackson funeral residence*



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