



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*Monica Banks*

**Sunrise**

*April 14, 1961*

**Sunset**

*December 20, 2011*

*Saturday, December 24, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

*Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr. - Officiating*

*Emory Lee - Organist*

## *The Obituary*



**Monica Banks** was born on April 14, 1961 in Irvington General Hospital to Harvey and the late Gloria Banks. She resided in Newark, New Jersey all of her life.

At an early age, her parents taught her to love and serve the Lord and to give Him thanks and praise for all things. On December 20, 2011 she departed this life quietly and entered into eternal rest.

Monica attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School and East Orange Catholic High School, Sisters of Charity of New Jersey, June 10, 1979. After completing high school, she continued her education at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ where she earned a B.A. in Communications in May of 1985.

During the summer months before graduation, she worked at Dairyland. Upon completing her education, she was hired at AT&T in Piscataway, NJ where she worked diligently for many years until her health began to fail.

Throughout her life Monica was a people person. She loved to socialize, to talk and never passed up any opportunity to engage in a lively verbal debate. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and watching different variety shows on TV such as Sunday's Best and Music awards shows. She loved to laugh and enjoyed watching comedy shows as well.

Monica leaves to cherish her memory: her father, Harvey Banks; two sisters, Mary Jones of Kinston, NC and Brenda Gail of Tampa, Florida; eight aunts; four uncles; a special friend, Audrey Dodson; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.



# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements

& Obituary ..... Phyllis Wilkins

Tribute ..... Patricia Rogers

Remarks (*2 minutes please*)

Selection

Eulogy ..... Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr.

Recessional

**Interment**

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park  
East Hanover, New Jersey



# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Monica Banks** is sincerely grateful for your kind expressions of sympathy extended to us during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless all of you and please continue to pray for us.

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