

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life  
of*



*Valarie Lachell Lewis*

**Sunrise**

August 1, 1964

**Sunset**

February 11, 2012

**Friday, February 17, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Morning Star Community Christian Center**  
1009 Chandler Avenue, Linden NJ 07036

Rev. Therman E. Evans, MD, PHD, Senior Pastor

### Mom

*You can only have one mother  
Patient kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you,  
To mother you will return,  
For all her loving kindness,  
She asks nothing in return.  
As we look upon her picture,  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus, take this message,  
To our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love.*

**- From your daughters Latrice and Jada Lewis**

### I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

# *Reflections of Life*

(1964 – 2012)

On Saturday, February 11, 2012, **Valarie Lachell Lewis** was called home suddenly to be with the Lord. Valarie was one of three children born on August 1, 1964 in Grove Hill, Alabama to the parents of James and Josephine Jackson.

At an early age, Valerie joined Greater Promise Baptist Church where she surrendered her life to the Lord and was baptized. As a member of the church she sang in the youth choir. Years later, she moved her membership to Morning Star Community Christian Center in Linden, New Jersey.

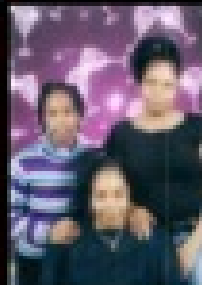
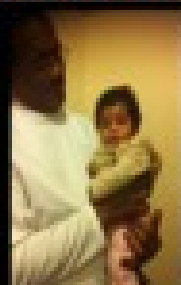
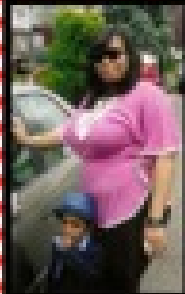
Valarie graduated from Linden High School in Linden in the Class of 1983. She continued her education at CITTONE Institute in Elizabeth, New Jersey where she studied Business Administration.

Valarie worked for Betty's Learning Academy as a Teacher with the Tiny Tots in Winfield. Prior to, she worked as a Bank Teller at First Savings Bank in Fanwood, New Jersey for seven years. She also worked part-time at Pathmark as a Customer Service Representative in Linden, where she left a memorable impression to all who she encountered.

Valarie enjoyed spending her intimate time reading novels and doing crosswords puzzles with her children. She was her daughter Jada's biggest basketball fan. Out of all the people at the basketball games, you would always hear Valarie coaching and cheering, always exceeding the crowd. She enjoyed traveling on Caribbean cruises with her closest friends. She was the queen of any dance floor.

She leaves to cherish fond memories her parents, James and Josephine Jackson of Linden, New Jersey; two beautiful, talented and loving daughters, Latrice Shantal and Jada Imani Lewis of Linden, New Jersey; her cuddly grandson, Jayden Thomas; her precious granddaughter, Jordyn Thomas; three brothers, Derek Jackson (Gina) of Columbus, New Jersey; Reginald Jackson (Denise) of Willingboro, New Jersey; Darryl Finch-Jackson (Tammy) of Montgomery, Alabama; former husband Angelo Fiorello; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; her devoted companion Stacey Goodman and her favorite cousin Lisa Jackson.

# Precious Moments



# Order of Service

Rev. Therman E. Evans, MD, PHD, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Manuel K. Donelson, MPA, Associate Pastor, Officiating

Musical Prelude

Hymn of Consolation ..... Tanya Jackson

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Consolation

Praise Dance ..... Ciarra Hope Walker-Smith

Solo ..... Theodore Goodman

Family Tributes ..... Latrice and Jada Jackson  
Derek and Reginald Jackson

Acknowledgements & Condolences ..... Cheree Berry

Obituary

Selection ..... The Jackson Family

Eulogy ..... Associate Pastor Manuel K. Donelson, MPA  
Morning Star Community Christian Center

Recessional

## Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, NJ 07036

**Pallbearers**

Derek Jackson                      Reginald Jackson  
David Jackson                      Trevell Jackson  
Stacey Goodman                  Angelo Fiorello  
Greg Thompson

**Repast**

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**Acknowledgement**

The Jackson and Lewis family wishes to thank you for your kind words of encouragement and prayers during this time of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.  
May God continue to bless you!

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