

*Home Going Service  
Celebrating the Life of*

*Ophelia Amy Allen*

*"Joan"*

*Sunrise  
October 7, 1947*

*Sunset  
March 6, 2012*

*Tuesday, March 13, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**MOUNT TEMAN AME CHURCH**

160 Madison Avenue  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Larry E. Dixon, Pastor  
Rev. Derrick L. Green, Officiating*

# *Precious*



# *Memories*





# *Life Reflections*

**Ophelia “Joan” Amy Allen** was born on October 7, 1947 in Roselle, New Jersey to the late Anna Jeter and Lemy Simmons. She lived in Roselle all of her life. Ophelia attended and completed her education under the Roselle Public School system.

She was employed at Abraham Clark High School in Roselle as an Attendance Coordinator for fifteen years. Previously, she worked for Thomas & Betts for twenty-five years.

Joan loved the Lord she always played gospel music in her car. All of the students and staff at Abraham Clark High School adored her. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, godmother, sister-in-law and friend.

She loved her pastor and the church family. Despite how bad she felt she would always go to church to praise the Lord. Joan will greatly be missed by all those who knew her. She touched the hearts of everyone she encountered.

Ophelia “Joan” Amy Allen departed this life on March 6, 2012 in St. Peters University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

She was predeceased by her mother, Anna Jeter; father, Lemy Simmons, Sr.; brothers, Stuart, Barry, Keith, Leroy; sister, Roberta, father-in-law, Arthur Allen daughter-in-law, Dahesha Harvard and god-parents, Louis and Geneva Cook and brother-in-law, Linnel Allen.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, her husband, Thomas Allen; two daughters, Tanya McCoy and Dawn Allen-Williams (son-in-law, Vincent Williams); sons, Vernice Harvard and Shawn Allen (daughter-in-law, Katryce Allen); nine sisters, Deborah Jeter, Lorraine Harris (Norman), Arlene Adams, Norma Baker, Betty Slaughter, Brenda Harris, Paulette Parsons, Sharon Patterson, and Lorraine Swan; brother, Lemy Simmons, Jr.; nine grandchildren, Isaiah Harvard, Jeremiah Harvard, Dennis McCoy, Kayla McCoy, Anthony McCoy, Quajerah Hartwell, Shawn Allen, Jr., Jahki Allen-Williams and Shyanne Allen; two great-grandchildren, Jazmyne Daniels and Kyon Wactor; five godchildren, Michele Grandison, Kawania Debose-Brinson, Jabril Murray, Jaden Murray and Nicole Wactor; mother-in-law, Beatrice Allen; four sisters-in-law, Bernice Grandison, Marie Mingo, Barbara Allen and Beverly Robinson; two brothers-in-law, Norman Harris and Joe Allen; four special nieces, Tonya Murray, Robin Slaten, Joy Floaugther and Mia Jeter; her special friends, Gwen Clark and Linda Reed; her special children, Rashaan Dumas and Sheneequa Thomas; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*  
~ 2 Timothy 4:7

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

TRIBUTE

Musical Tribute to Joan  
Minister of Music - Eric Lorde

- Solo .....“Last Mile Of The Way” Mrs. Carmen Hall
- Praise Dance .....“Never Would Of Made It” Alexys Slaten  
Angelique Coage
- Special Scripture .....Vernice Harvard
- Reflections (two minutes)
- Solo .....“Wind Beneath My Wings” Lorraine Harris
- Poem .....“This That Morning” Kawania Debose-Brinson
- Words of Comfort .....Ashley Allen

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Derrick L. Green, Officiating*

- Organ Prelude
- Scriptures .....T’Keyah Slaten
- Prayer of Comfort .....Willie Davis
- Solo .....“I Won’t Complain” Carmen Hall
- Acknowledgements of Condolences
- Solo ..... Ebony James
- Obituary .....Yolanda Whitfield
- Solo .....“Walk Around Heaven All Day” Lorraine Harris
- Eulogy .....Rev. Derrick L. Green

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| <p><b><u>Entombment</u></b><br/>         Rosedale Memorial Park<br/>         Linden, New Jersey</p> |
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# *Precious Memories*





## Pallbearers

Family and friends of **Ophelia “Joan” Amy Allen**

### *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 **Ophelia “Joan” Amy Allen** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and kindness during this hour bereavement. We would like to thank MT Teman AME Church family and pastor and Mrs. Kim Nesbitt the family and Jericho City Church Without Walls' church family and Pastor Green.