

*In Loving Memory
of*



Sandra Annette Clemons Murphy

Sunrise

December 31, 1944

Sunset

April 27, 2012

Thursday, May 3, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

ST. JOHNS UNITED FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1066 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Rev. Gilmore, Officiating

Obituary

Sandra Annette Clemons Murphy was called home April 27, 2012 at Saint Mary's Facility after residing there for two days following a brave battle with cancer. Throughout her life she built numerous friendships throughout Essex County, particularly in Newark-where she grew up-and in Irvington, where she presided throughout the later part of her life. She retired from Green Hill Retirement Facility where she had worked for over thirty-five years. Loving life as well as family was her motto. She enjoyed a number of hobbies, including: bowling, knitting, reading, dancing and singing.

Sandra, the daughter of Dorothy Mae Kemp was born on December 31, 1944 in Newark, NJ. She had three sisters and five brothers: Maureen, Juanita Sledge, Mildred Diane Lambert, Hameen Abdul Lateef, Robert Kemp, Harold Kemp, Thomas Kemp, and Leonard Kemp.

Sandra labored for the Lord at Saint John's Unified Freewill Baptist Church for over twenty-five years. Her commitment to the Lord was notable. She served as a member of the choir up until illness would no longer allow her to sing. There was only one other love that came close too her commitment to the Lord-her family. Unlike most, her family was comprised of relatives, friends, co-workers and the like. She embraced and cared for everyone close to her, in the same manner: she would readily give you the shirt off of her back but she would "give you a tongue lashing" simultaneously. Sandra was stern. However, she was caring and extremely genuine.

Throughout her childhood, Sandra attended Newark Public Schools. As a young adult, she united with George Williams, a union from which they had three children; Casandra Clemons, George Edward Clemons, and Anthony Clemons, (Sharon Williams), one step son, George Hailey. Many years later Sandra married Alexander Murphy.

She leaves to cherish he memory: her husband, Alexander Murphy; her three children, Casandra Clemons, George Edward Clemons, and Anthony Clemons; two sisters, Juanita Sledge and Mildred Diane Lambert (Julian Lambert); three brothers, Hameen Abdul Lateef (Hanefah Lateef), Harold Kemp (Alisha Kemp) and Leonard Kemp; nine grandchildren, Aminah Clemons (who cared for her grandmother throughout her battle), Myasia Williams, Regina Thomas, Isaiah Thomson, Kyharrah Clemons, Kyana Clemons, D'jen Clemons, Janell Clemons; two step-grandsons, Somar Williams and Toni Williams; and a host of dear nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Sandra Annette Clemons Murphy was a mother, a grandmother, a sister, an aunt and a friend. She was a special person for this reason, she will continue to be loved and remembered.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Choir Selection

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Remarks or Moments of Reflection

Acknowledgements/Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

620 Central Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Repast

St. John's Unified Freewill Baptist Church

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Pallbearers

Hameen Harold

Leonard Julian

Al-Jabbar Rodney

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 times, good friends, 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

My mother raised me, then freed me. - Maya Angelou

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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