

Homegoing Celebration for

Sunrise

October 21, 1968

Sunset

May 11, 2012

Ms. Rhonda Lynette Kelsey

*A precious beloved one from our family has gone.
Her sweet loving voice is still,
A major link in our chain has been broken,
The link cannot be replaced.*

Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH

253 Central Avenue

Rahway, New Jersey

Rev. Erika D. Crawford, Pastor

Life Reflections

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” Psalm 23:4

Farewells are difficult and “yes” always sad. A sweet apple has fallen from our family tree. We feel a deep sadness toward a loss in our family, but we realize God never makes mistakes.

God called His loving child, **Rhonda Lynette Kelsey** home on Friday, May 11, 2012 to rest; while she was at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway in Rahway, New Jersey. Ms Rhonda Lynette Kelsey was the first born child of Eugene and Linda Kelsey on October 21, 1968 at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, New Jersey.

At an early age, Rhonda joined Harlowe Community Church in Harlowe, North Carolina while staying with her grandparents during the summer.

Rhonda attended the Roselle Public School System. She attended Lincoln School, now known as Dr. Charles C. Polk School for elementary school, L.V. Moore School for junior high school and graduated with honors from Abraham Clark High School with the Class of 1986. When in ninth grade, she was given an invitation to attend an Honors Science Program at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Rhonda earned many academic awards in high school, which led her to receive a full scholarship to Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, New Jersey where she studied science. She also took classes at Kean University in Union, New Jersey.

Rhonda had been employed as an Administrative Clerk at Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark. She had also worked at Walgreens in Rahway and was a Home Health Aide and Child Care Worker.

Every spare moment of Rhonda’s life was spent reading a book by one of her favorite authors. Rhonda loved learning and while she served as a teacher, she shared her abundant amount of knowledge with the students she taught. Rhonda also devoted many years as a home health aide until she saw the need to help raise her nieces and nephews.

Rhonda Kelsey was a compassionate, loyal and loving daughter, a caring sister, and a devoted, warmhearted aunt. She gave of herself with her time, patience and love. Her love and devotion has been a source of strength to the family.

Rhonda Lynette Kelsey is basking in our Lord’s glorious and loving Kingdom. She has reunited with our family that has gone to the Kingdom before her which includes her father, Ronald Eugene Kelsey and grandparents, Rev. Roney Kelsey, Christine Vann Kelsey, John C. Maynor and Alberta Evans Maynor.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, her mother, Linda Kelsey Wise of Roselle, NJ; three sisters, Deborah Kelsey-Taylor (Johnny) of Avenel, NJ, Tara Haskins (Terry) of Hope Mills, NC and Fetiea Alicka Wise (fiancée, Thomas McDaniels) of Elizabeth, NJ; three brothers, Ronald Kelsey, Jr. of Louisiana, Joseph Kelsey of North Carolina and Yachin Kelsey of Rhode Island; her godmother, Edna Jones; a godbrother, John Sykes and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Ms. Mattie Walker

Processional

A Parting View

SoloMrs. Evonne Tyree – “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

SoloMrs. Evonne Tyree – “Precious Lord”

Words of Comfort..... Rev. Alfred E. Brown, Jr., Pastor
First Baptist Church – Cranford, NJ
Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor
Bibleway Deliverance Center – Roselle, NJ

RemarksMayor Jamel Holley – neighbor

Family TributeDeborah Kelsey-Taylor and Tara Wise Haskins - sisters

Acknowledgement of Condolences

ObituaryMs. Yvonne Maynor

SoloMrs. Evonne Tyree – “God Will Take Care of You”

EulogyRev. Lawrence Kelsey (Rhonda’s Uncle)
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church – New Bern, North Carolina

Recessional

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to the Italian American Club 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey where a repast will be served.

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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PALLBEARERS

Nephews, Cousins and Friends of **Rhonda Kelsey**



Rhonda, you are my first born. One of my gifts from God. From the moment I looked at you and held you in my arms, you were beautiful. Without a doubt daughter, you are one of God's most loving, kind, gentle, giving of self (tirelessly), thoughtful, caring and delightful showing love towards others wherever you went. You are one of God's most magnificent creations. Your smile brightened the people that you came in contact with. You are compassionate. I am overwhelmed with sadness that I can't have you talking to me face to face, but I know you will always be near me, as I travel along the way. God wanted another Angel to smile in heaven. His choice was you my love and I couldn't stop it. You are God's child. A silence fell. I watched you leave. It saddened my heart.

Love, Mommy

It is as if a silver cloud were suddenly grown mute
and life's song with its rhythm warred
Against a silver lute,
It is as if a silence fell
where bides the garnered sheaf,
And voice murmuring, "It is well",
Are stifled by a grief.
It is as if the gloom of night
Had hid a summer's day
And willows, sighing at their plight,
Bent low beside the way.
For "She" (Rhonda Lynette Kelsey) was part of all the best
That nature loves and gives,
And ever more on memory's breast
Rhonda lives on in our memories.

Words taken from Paul Lawrence Dunbar

Acknowledgement

The family of **Rhonda Kelsey** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.