

*In Loving Memory of*



*Delores Stokes*

**Sunrise**

*February 17, 1936*

**Sunset**

*May 26, 2012*

*Saturday, June 2, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

## *Obituary*

On Saturday, May 26, 2012, God softly whispered to our beloved Sister **Delores Stokes** "Come Home".

Delores Stokes also known as the Famous Aunt Eb was born February 17, 1936 in Fair Fax, NC to the late Geneva Gettis and Henry Gettis.

Delores was formally educated in North Carolina and as a young adult continued her education in NJ School System.

In 1975, Delores met her Companion of thirty five years the late John Taylor.

Delores accepted Jesus Christ at a early age. She joined Trinity Baptist Church where she served as a faithful member.

Delores was employed by Custom Decorating in Irvington, NJ for twenty three years. Delores was a great woman with a beautiful smile. She was a devoted sister, friend, mother and grandmother.

Delores was kind-hearted, trust worthy, the best baby-sitter and wiould absolutely give you the shirt off her back.

She enjoyed going shopping with her friend Ruth Johnson, cooking and cleaning her house while listening to her gospel.

Delores leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Dolores Stokes (LoLo); Yvette Stokes; seven grandchildren, TyLeshia Goode, Nicole Johnson, Qytisah Stokes, Sameerah Stokes, Ta'Shawn Stokes, Tarell Stokes and Tiera Stokes; six great-grandchildren, Nadisha, Tamirah, Mariah, Christopher, Janiya and Kimberly; one sister, Jeniva Florence; two daughters-in-law, Debbie, and Cathy; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

She was predeceased by two sons, Jerry and John Lee and one daughter, Nevine Stokes; three brothers, Sunny, John and Reginald; three sisters, Clara, Fanny and Queenie; mother and father.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude.....Song Selection

Scripture Reading.....Minister  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister

Musical Selection..... Young Blood  
*“Wont Complain”*

Reflections of Life.....Sharonda Hughes

Acknowledgements

Poem.....TyLesha Goode

Musical Selection..... Young Blood  
*“Walk Around Heaven”*

Eulogy.....Pastor Jonah Nixon

Recessional

## **Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

## THE STRONG BLACK WOMAN... HAS PASSED

While struggling with the reality of being a human instead of a myth, this Strong Black Woman passed away. Medical sources say she died of other causes, but those who knew her know she died from being silent when she should have been screaming, smiling when she should have been raging, from being sick and not wanting anyone to know because her pain might inconvenience them. She died from an overdose of other people clinging to her when she didn't even have energy herself.

She died from raising children alone. She died from lies her grandmother told her mother and her mother told her about life, men & racism. She died from asphyxiation, from secrets she kept trying to bury away instead of allowing herself the kind of nervous break down she was entitled to, but couldn't afford. She died from being responsible, because she was the last rung on the ladder and there was no one under her she could dump on. The Strong Black Woman has passed away!

But before she left this earth, she taught her family how to be strong, independent, and confident. She taught us how to face challenges and solve problems. Yes, this Strong Black Woman has passed away. But she showed us how to come together as a family. She taught us prayer works. She taught her girls not to tolerate Mr. Pitiful just to have a man around the house. This Strong Black Woman informed us about our minds, body's and the extent of our capabilities. She died from sacrificing herself for everybody and everything when she could have been some magnificent other. And she did all of this without complaint

Yes, the Strong Black Woman has passed away. And although we will miss her and wish she were still here, we know that all of her problems are solved. We know that she is no longer suffering. We know she is being taken care of. We know that her broken heart is now repaired. We know she is in the hands of GOD, And because we know that we will see her again, we will accept that this Strong Black Woman has passed away.

### TO THE MEMORY OF Ms. DELORES STOKES

#### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to all for every act of kindness and words of comfort. May God bless each of you.

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