

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Eldiest Johnson

Sunrise
September 23, 1928

Sunset
July 29, 2012

Services

Friday, August 3, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

152 Osborne Terrace
Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Douglas Williams III, Officiating

Obituary

Eldiest was one of seven children born to Joseph and Eldiest Harris of Matawan, New Jersey. She was a conscientious student of Matawan High School. After graduation she attended Hampton University as a student of Nursing.

Eldiest found enjoyment in her vocation at Greystone Hospital in New Jersey where she met and married James Johnson. To this union were born five children that were raised in Newark, New Jersey.

Eldiest raised as a devout Christian accepted Christ into her life and became an active member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. As a member she served as secretary to the Missionary Board and sang with the Senior Choir. Her children also attended the church. She was honored with Zion Hill's distinguished "Woman of the Year" award in 2008.

Eldiest's commitment to the community was unwavering and she contributed 34 years of service to the Newark Branch of the NAACP. The highlight of her years was the March on Washington. Ever ready to contribute to the betterment of the quality of life for her fellow human beings she faithfully supported numerous civil rights events over the years.

After leaving her position at Greystone Hospital, Eldiest became an employee of the U.S. Postal Service in Newark and surrounding Essex County. She brought the same commitment and conscientious work ethic to this position that she displayed at Greystone. For her outstanding service Eldiest received a large number of commendations.

Always wanting to increase her skills, Eldiest amused family and friends with her goal to master typing. She found humor in tackling typing assignments to the delight of those around her.

Eldiest lived her life by the principal, "Where there is life, there is hope." She always strove to do her best and help where she was needed and to overcome any of life's challenges with a smile and a prayer to God.

She was a loving and caring mother, friend and compassionate member of her family that she loved devotedly. Her nieces and nephews held a special place in her life. She never failed to take the time to provide a positive influence in their lives and growth.

Eldiest loved family functions and expressed her joy and appreciation by always stating, "I have dined sufficiently" after sharing a superbly prepared meal at her niece Tawana Mallard's house.

Friends of Eldiest felt the devotion that she shared with family. She was always a faithful and loyal friend. Many of her friendships were sustained from early adulthood and throughout her life. A popular comment of hers was, "Thank God for my friends." She will also lovingly be remembered for saying, "I am flabbergasted." And even with her saying, that she accepted all life had to offer and lived life graciously to the fullest.

During the latter part of her life she was a resident of Stratford Manor in West Orange where she was always viewed as a joy and a pleasure to be around by the staff and residents.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her children: James Johnson of Lindenwold, New Jersey; Curtis Johnson of North Plainfield, New Jersey; Joey Johnson of Irvington, New Jersey; Ezella Johnson of Montclair, New Jersey; and Venessa Johnson of Irvington, New Jersey; her brother Alvin Harris of Neptune, New Jersey and sister Cornelia Jones of Union, New Jersey; nine grandchildren; many great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude “At The Cross” - Myron Smith

Hymn of Comfort “Amazing Grace” - Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Sis. Carrie Alston

New Testament - Revelations 21:4-6 Sis. Eady Tappan

Acknowledgements Chandra Cole

Tributes Two minutes please

Selection “Precious Lord” - Choir

Poem May I Go - Tyesha Miller

Obituary Selene Mitchell Ramsey

Solo “Wind Beneath My Wings” - Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy Rev. Douglas Williams III

Committal

Closing Prayer The Lord’s Prayer

Recessional Clergy & Family

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory

Orange, New Jersey

Repast

*Immediately following the service family and friends are invited
for a repast in the church fellowship hall.*

The Master Called

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to me"
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Eldiest Johnson** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers. Messages and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.

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