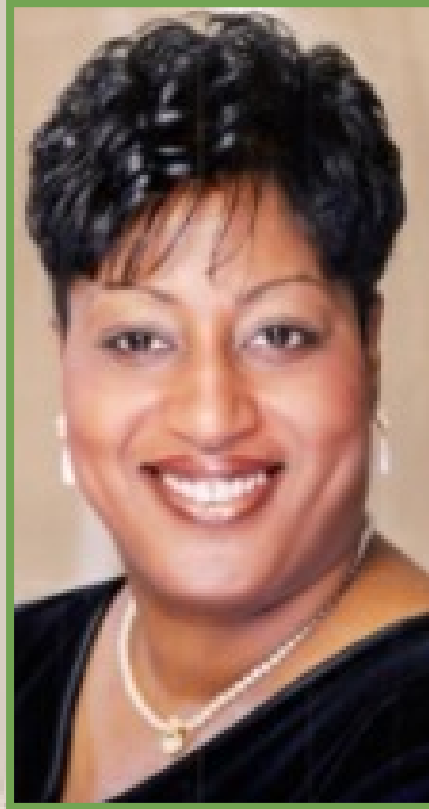


Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory of



Fatimah Bernessia Pope

Sunrise
September 22, 1957

Sunset
July 25, 2012

Service

Friday, August 3, 2012 - 12:00 noon

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH
535 Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way
Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Gadson L. Graham, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Fatimah Bernessia Pope (known as Nossie to those closest to her), fifty-four years old, daughter of the late Herbert Henderson Pope and Annie Bell (Springs) Pope whom is still with us, was born on September 22, 1957 in Paterson, New Jersey.

Fatimah Bernessia attended St. John's Cathedral Elementary and Paterson Catholic High School in Paterson, NJ. She successfully graduated from Paterson Catholic High School in 1975. After graduating she decided to attend William Paterson University, majoring in Nursing. Having a change of heart at twenty-four years old she decided to relocate to South Jersey. Once arriving in South Jersey she began to attend Dealer's School in Atlantic City, NJ. She was employed at Caesar's Palace & Casino in Atlantic City, NJ for the last twenty-eight years as a Card Dealer and Borgata Hotel and Casino for the last eight years as a Card Dealer.

In 2003, she met her soul mate, Safeeullah Muhammad and a year later they wedded.

She departed this life on Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

Fatimah leaves to mourn: her husband, Safeeullah Muhammad; a mother, Annie Bell (Springs) Pope; a brother, Herbert Pope, Jr.; a niece, Lara Pope; two nephews, Justin Herbert Pope and Herbert Julian Pope; four great nieces, Xa'nay Pope, Jordin Pope, Justice Pope and Chloe Price; one great nephew, Ya'Mier; two brothers-in-law; one sister-in-law; grandmother-in-law, Pearl Johnson; stepmother of eight; step grandmother of two; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

*Acknowledgements
and Reflections*

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Gadson L. Graham

Recessional

Interment

*Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey*

Afterglow

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Fatimah Bernessia Pope** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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