

*Life is but a shopping place
A purchase that is meant to be
A place in the mall or boutique
For sweet spending euphoria
We come in all different sizes
Different credit limits
We all were meant to be seen
But never meant to be identical
For some the journey is in denim
For some the journey is in a twin set
And when the journey ends
We will find everlasting peace
And the perfect sale.
Together blessed with the Lord in cashmere.*

Acknowledgements

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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In Loving Memory of



Constance "Connie" Francis

Sunrise
March 18, 1929

Sunset
October 10, 2012

Service
Tuesday, October 16, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service
1025 Bergen Street
Newark, New Jersey

Order of Service

- Processional
- Spiritual RemembranceRev. John D. Jones
- Reading of the ObituaryDorothea Welch-Jones
- Special ReadingDorothea Welch-Jones
- Musical Selection
- Eulogy..... Rev. John D. Jones
- Closing Prayer..... Rev. John D. Jones
- Viewing
- Recessional

Interment
Private

Repast:
Immediately Following
Family Home
446 East 5th Ave.
Roselle, NJ

Obituary

Constance A. (Connie) Francis was born on March 18, 1929 in Orange, NJ. Her parents were the late Mildred K. Johnson, John Johnson and step-father James Smith. Connie was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church in East Orange, NJ. Her mentors were her maternal grandmother, Maude Spencer and aunt, Rozel Spencer. She graduated from Thynes Institute in Virginia and Drakes Business School. She also attended Rutgers University. She passed peacefully at home on October 10, 2012.

Connie was a one woman show. If you wanted something done, she was the person you asked. Connie loved entertaining. She never missed an opportunity to host a get together. She was blessed with great interpersonal skills and a flair for living. She would enter a room and her presence would shine. She would make you feel as if you had always known her. Connie was an avid reader and enjoyed playing Sudoku.

Connie started her career at the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) at a time when there were limited opportunities for people of color. She held various positions during her forty-five year tenure at the IRS. She served as a role model and mentor to many. She often spoke dearly of her colleagues many of which were dear friends and remained in contact with her after she retired.

Connie was a beloved mother, sister, grandmother, mother and sister in law, aunt, great grand mother, and a wonderful friend.

She leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, DarLene Francis; brother, Carey Goode; grandchildren Chekesha and Kipenzi Herron and Clayton Joshua Moses; grandchildren, Ashlyn and Luke "LB" Herron; son-in-law, Anthony Starks; sister-in-law Michele Goode; nieces, Mikalah Goode, Lauryn Penn, and Cari Goode; and a host of beloved friends.

My mother was there when I took my first breath and I was there when she took her last breath and for this I will be forever grateful.

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT... LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL GALATIANS 5:16

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