

Celebrating the Life of



Minnabell J. Fowlkes

Sunrise
July 10, 1927

Sunset
November 3, 2012

Reflections of Life



Minnabell Johnson Fowlkes was born in Camden, South Carolina on July 10, 1927. She was the third of four children born to Mamie and Allen Johnson.

At the age of two, Minnabell moved north with her family to Paterson, NJ. She attended Paterson Public School #18. As a child, Minnabell enjoyed roller skating and playing with her friends. As a young woman, she worked to help support her family, making many personal sacrifices. She has always had strong values and supported her family.

At age 25, Minnabell met the man who was to be her lifelong mate – Frank Fowlkes, Jr. Minnabell and Frank married on April 26, 1957, and out of their union were born two daughters – Donna Marion and Terri Jean. She also participated in the raising of her niece, Carol, who affectionately refers to her as “Aunt Minnie.” Minnabell has always been a very committed wife and mother. She tried to give her children the very best of all that she could and instilled strong, positive spiritual values in them.

In 1992, Minnabell retired from Eric Schuster, a picture frame manufacture in Paterson, where she worked for thirty years. She worked hard and obtained the position of “Shop Stewart” before she retired.

Minnabell attended the New Christian Missionary Baptist Church in Paterson, where she was a member since 1938. At church she was active on the Scholarship Committee and worked with the Food Pantry Ministry. She was also an active member of the Verona Senior Citizen’s Club and the Montclair AARP.

Minnabell’s family and friends have very fond memories of times they spent together. When her daughters were young, Minnabell would take them shopping in downtown Paterson every Friday evening. They would shop at Meyer Brothers Department Store and Stenchavers Shoe Store, and then have dinner at the hot dog diner on Van Houton Street. Her family would also vacation together every year, traveling throughout the U.S., South America the Caribbean, and on cruises. She would travel with her husband, daughters, niece and grandchildren, as well as with her friends, as she loved to see different parts of the world.

Minnabell has always been committed to her family, friends, job and church. She was a lovely woman, with memorable smile, always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. She had a quiet and shy demeanor, a warm spirit and a very kind heart! Her love of God was reflected in her love and dedication to her family and friends. The life she lived will continue to speak volumes to those she leaves to cherish her memory.

Minnabell was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 3, 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Frank; daughters, Donna and Terri; grandchildren, Jared and Jada; sister, Ethel Barber; niece, Carol; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.



Order of Service

Service

Saturday, November 10, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

16-18 Bridge Street

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

Pastor James E. Salmon, Sr. Officiating

MusicianDeacon Lillian McKenzie

ProcessionalScriptural Passages Recital

Solo“How Great Thou Art”

Scriptures:

Old Testament Scripture: 23 PsalmMinister Juan Harris

New Testament Scripture: John 14:1-7..... Minister Stacey Harris

Prayer of ComfortReverend James Salmon

Selection“Awesome God”

RemarksClifford Robinson, Deacon Ministry Chairman
John Eason, Trustee Ministry Chairman

Church ResolutionsLinda Harrington, Trustee

Reflections of Life/AcknowledgementsDeborah Love

Solo..... “Nobody Greater”

EulogyReverend James Bethea

Closing Selection/ Recessional..... “When We All Get to Heaven”

Interment

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey



The Magic Of A Mother's Touch

*There's magic in mother's
touch, And sunshine in her
smile There's love in
everything she does*

To make our lives worthwhile

*We can find both love and courage Just by
looking in her eyes*

Her laughter is a source of joy,

Her words are warm and wise

There is a kindness and compassion

To be found in her embrace

And we see the light of Heaven

Shining from a mother's face.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Minnabell Johnson Fowlkes**
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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