

*“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and
I have kept the faith.” (II Timothy 4:6-7)*

The Service of Triumph for



Sunrise: August 7, 1930

Sunset: November 1, 2013

Delores Blondell Rhodes

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

Viewing – 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Service – 7:00 PM

UNION GOSPEL TABERNACLE

(United Holy Church of America)

756 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard

Newark, New Jersey

ELDER RICARDO JONES

Pastor and Officiant

DISTRICT ELDER BOBBIE SMITH

Pastor, Refreshing Springs, UHC, Eulogist



The Obituary

DELORES BLONDELL RHODES, daughter of the late James and Madeline Pleasant was born August 7, 1930 in Jersey City, NJ. She answered God's call to everlasting life on Friday, November 1, 2013 at 2:15 AM at the Woodlands in Plainfield, NJ. Educated in the Jersey City Public School System, Delores graduated from Snyder High School with the Class of June, 1948.

Being raised in a Christian home, Delores came to know the Lord as her personal Savior at an early age as a member of Little Bethel UHC in Hackensack, NJ. In 1957, Delores' father, Elder James Pleasant, founded Beulah Gospel Tabernacle, UHC in Staten Island, NY and relocated several years later to Bayonne, NJ. For the next 48 years Dee (as she was affectionately called) was active and worked tirelessly at Beulah. To enhance her service to God and His church, she matriculated at the Manhattan Bible Institute in New York City. She graduated in 1964 with a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Education. Her major areas of focus were in the Bible Church School, serving as Superintendent for many years. She also served in many capacities, such as, Adult Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher, church musician. In 2005, she moved her membership to Union Gospel Tabernacle, UHC and served faithfully until her health began to fail.

Not only did Sister Rhodes love and serve faithfully in her local churches, she also loved and served in the Sub-District, Northern District and General Church. She loved to attend the meetings and traveled throughout the United States attending Convocations, Conventions, Rallies and Conferences. For many years, she served as Recording Secretary in the New Jersey District Young People's Holy Association under the administration of Deacon Moses Elam; musician for the 8 o'clock Service at Emanuel Pentecostal Church, Jersey City; and as a musician in the Clinton NJ prison ministry under the leadership of Evangelist Shirley Graham.

In her travels, Delores made many friends and had a great influence on a great number of people. She kept in close contact with them by way of verbal and written expression. She was a strong prayer intercessor and encouraged those she came in contact with to follow Jesus.

Until the age of 41, Delores worked in the family business as head clerk at the New Way Cleaners in Bayonne. Her last ten years of employment was with Global Containers in Bayonne as a file clerk, and part-time assistant teacher at North Ward Center Childcare. In her spare time and until her demise, she was an avid reader and wrote poetry. Her collection of poetry contains a large number of poems dedicated to her family and close friends.

On August 17, 1985, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to the late Deacon Jasper Rhodes. They spent 22 months of wedded bliss until the Lord suddenly called him home on June 23, 1987.

Those who will cherish her memory most are her brother, James Pleasant, Woodbridge, NJ; sister, Barbara Brown and brother-in law, James Brown, Colonia, NJ; step daughter, Yvonne Denise Rhodes, Las Vegas, NV; nieces, Gwendolyn Hamilton, Richmond, VA, Sherolyn Friedman (Roosevelt), Richmond, VA, Janell Terry (Tom), Richmond, VA, Angelique Williams (Todd), Iselin, NJ and Cheryl Gordon (Dana), Irvington, NJ; nephews, Jake Holmes (Cynthia), Jr., Richmond, VA, Kevin Holmes, Newark, NJ, Dewayne Holmes (Edna), East Orange, NJ and Minister Darrin Brown (Terress), Rahway, NJ; aunts, Ruth Green, Richmond, VA and Maybell Pleasant, Richmond, VA; Godson, Julien Yates, Newark, NJ; great nieces, great nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

About time

*To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose
under the heaven: (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

*A time to be born, a time to die,
This is destined by God, He does not lie.*

*He's a God of righteousness and judgment not to be misused like a toy,
Nor is He a respecter of persons, that means every man, woman
accountable girl or boy.*

*The seconds, minutes, hours, years go by putting off salvation,
one can't win,*

*They think they're right in their own eyes, while dipping and
dabbling in sin.*

Times are different now—the good old days gone, we won't see no more.

So many untimely deaths, age-no-limit are occurring by the score.

Satan Lucifer, Devil apply to the same Prince and Power of the air,

He isn't giving up sprewing his poisonous venom everywhere.

If Satan was bold enough to temp Jesus, what about you and me?

*There's a weapon that can be used on him, is prayer and
He will definitely flee!*

He's on a rampage –seeking whom he deters from finishing this race,

Those who are determined and endure will see Jesus face to face.

Penned by Delores Rhodes

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Delores Rhodes gratefully acknowledges the many cards, calls, visits, floral tributes and other acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement and transition.

Much of the strength we will get to carry on comes not only from the Lord, but also from your continued acts of love. We embrace your love and caring acts and will cherish them forever.

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Delores Blondell Rhodes

Elder Ricardo Jones – Presiding

Organ Prelude.....Jake Holmes Jr.

The Opening Sentence.....Elder Ricardo Jones, Officiant

Clergy Processional.....Clergy

Sealing of the Bier

Opening Hymn.....Union Gospel Tabernacle Choir

*Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Jerrelle Benoit, Pastor Holy Temple, UHC,
Newburgh, NY*

The Word of the Lord

*Old Testament, Psalm 23.....Elder Phyllis Foster
Cathedral International, Perth Amboy, NJ*

*New Testament, 1 Corinthians, 13.....Deacon Mabel L. Hill
Union Gospel Tabernacle, Newark, NJ*

Hymn Consolation.....Choir

Expressions From the Clergy

*Bishop Robert L. Blount, Pastor Emmanuel Pentecostal, Jersey City, NJ
Dist. Elder Shedrich Roberts, Pastor, Mt. Olive Temple, UHC, Summit, NJ
Evan. Clifford Simmons, Assoc. Minister, Soul Saving Station, New York, NY
Elder Edward Purnell, Pastor, Faith & Victory Church of God, Bayonne, NJ
Elder William T. Brown, Pastor, New Life UHC, Jersey City, NJ*

Solo.....Sister Sharon Fuller



Expressions From the Church Family
Minister Eleanor Weeks, President Missionary Department
Trustee Kenneth Townsend
Sister Verna Warren, Friend and Sister in Christ

Instrumental Tribute by the Nephews.....Brother Corey Brown, Deacon Tommy Brown, and Mark Ingraham

Family Tributes
Mother Mabel Pleasant, Aunt
Brother Jake Holmes, Nephew
Minister Darrin Brown, Nephew

Acknowledgements and Condolences.....Trustee Mabel A. Rhodes

Obituary (Read in Silence)

Duet, "If I Can Help Somebody.....Sister Sharon Lilly, Sister Joan Martin

The Eulogy.....District Elder Bobbie Smith, Pastor Refreshing Springs Church, Newark, NJ

The Recessional

Final Resting Place; Heavenly Rest Memorial, 268 Ridgedale Ave, East Hanover, NJ
10:00 AM

"We now commit our pearl of great price. . . . purchased, polished and perfected into God's Care"

