

In Loving Memory of
Joan Benita Blanford-Landi

Sunrise
December 2, 1956

Sunset
February 24, 2014



Service

Saturday, March 1, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street

Newark, New Jersey

Elder Anita Wright, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Joan Benita Blanford-Landi, the loveable daughter of Betty Blanford was born in Oviedo, Florida on December 2, 1956. Joan was the second of six girls. She was a very outgoing and fun loving child.

Shortly after her birth the family moved to Newark, NJ where she attended Newark Public Schools. Joan went on to further her education at Essex County College where she obtained her associate's degree. She also obtained a certificate as a Certified Drug and Alcohol counselor. With that education Joan earned a position at the Newark Renaissance House, as a drug counselor. Joan also worked for DYFS as a social worker for about 10 years. She used the positions that she held to fulfill her desire to help others. Joan found great enjoyment in helping those in need.

On April 11, 1992, she married the love of her life, Jim Landi. Joan was blessed with two wonderful children, Ibn and Morgen. Joan was known to everyone for her great sense of humor, dazzling smile, and sparkling personality. In her spare time Joan also enjoyed horseback riding. Always the life of the party, Joan was musically inclined, and one would often find her singing and dancing to the beat. She was a fashionista by definition, an avid collector of hats, watches, sunglasses, and everything pretty, Joan was a true DIVA.

After a brief illness, Joan departed this life on February 24, 2014 at the tender age of 57.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory, Jim Landi, Beloved children, Ibn and Morgen, her Mother and support system, Betty Blanford , Her best friends A.K.A. her Sisters; Phyllis Blanford-Colleran (Marcus), Patricia Blanford, Tracey Blanford (Bre), Joann Blanford, Shahidah Blanford (Junon); Aunt, Marian Blackshear, Uncle Daniel Cook, nieces; Ivoire and Hajjah, nephew; Ivan, and a host of other relatives and friends.

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort..... “Gone To Soon” by Stephen Fuller
Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Anita Wright
Scripture Reading.....Elder Anita Wright
Solo.....“Eye On The Sparrow” by Crystal Atmosphere
Obituary..... Beverly Lynn
Poems..... Patricia Blanford & Phyllis Blanford-Colleran
Eulogy..... Elder Anita Wright
Selection..... “Precious Lord” by Crystal Atmosphere
Benediction..... Elder Anita Wright

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey

After Glow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

Acknowledgement

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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