



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Phyllis J. Hamilton

Sunrise

December 1, 1952

Sunset

April 14, 2014

Service

Saturday, April 19, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

Trinity Christian Center
417 Pennington Street
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202
Pastor Tyrone McDonald, Officiating

Obituary

Phyllis I. Hamilton

December 1, 1952 – April 14, 2014

Phyllis I. Hamilton was born on December 1, 1952 to the late Joseph and Irene Hamilton. She was a lifelong resident of Elizabeth, New Jersey. Phyllis accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Second Macedonia Baptist Church. In the late 1970's, she became a permanent member of Trinity Christian Center where she continued to exhibit her life's passion as a Christian serving in myriad roles and where she remained a devoted member.

Phyllis was educated in Elizabeth and graduated from Battin High School in 1971. She worked at Allstate Legal Supplies in Cranford, New Jersey where she enjoyed a successful career as a Quality Control Specialist until the early 1980's when she was diagnosed with Lupus. Despite the unyielding pain and suffering of this degenerative disease, and despite the fact that she was told there is no cure, Phyllis never gave up hope or lost her faith. She continued to work when possible, participate in Church missions, and volunteer at nonprofits; she was unstoppable. In 2009, Phyllis accepted her most recent position, as a Receptionist, at the City of Elizabeth, Department of Aging, where she was last employed.

Phyllis was very active in the Church. In her early years at Trinity, she devoted her time and effort to The Missionettes (Brownie Scouts Commission), Nursing Home Mission and was an active member of the Sunday School Mission. In more recent years, Phyllis served on the Bible Study Committee, Hospitality Committee, Communion Service, and as a Greeter.

Phyllis gave of herself for the good of her family. She was a dutiful daughter always demonstrating respect and love for her parents. As the first born child of Joseph and Irene, she embraced her responsibility to look after and serve as a Christian role model to her younger siblings Joann, Marcus, Richard and Elaine. And even as they matured, Phyllis never wavered in her commitment to care for them in any way she could. Phyllis also adored her nieces, nephews and their children and always took every opportunity to spend time with them.

For years Phyllis volunteered for community outreach programs to help the less fortunate; she was caring and selfless. Known for her kind spirit, Phyllis visited the elderly, donated to the poor, and cared for the sick. Her lifetime of dedication and self-sacrifice serve as a monument to the exemplary person she was. And even though she faced numerous physical hardships and setbacks, her enduring optimism, faith, and commitment to Church and family sustained her until she was called home by our heavenly Father. She will always serve as an inspiration to those who knew her.

Phyllis leaves to cherish her memory: Loving Sister Elaine and Brothers Lee (wife Cicely), Marcus, Richard, Joseph (wife Lois); her Brother-in-law J.D. Smith (husband of late Sister Joann); Aunts Fannie Davis and Amy Simmons. She is also survived by, her Spiritual Mother, Reverend Altamese Marion D.D., and Goddaughter, Ar'Luve Pippens, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, other relatives and friends including her Christian family lead by Pastor Tyrone McDonald and members of Trinity Christian Center.

Order of Service

Musical PreludeOrganist

Prayer Pastor Tyrone McDonald

Opening Hymn “*It Is Well*”, Church Choir

Scripture ReadingsCicely D. Hamilton, Sister-in-law
Old Testament - *Job 19: 23-27*
New Testament - *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Altamese Marion, D.D.
Spiritual Mother

Musical Selection “*Amazing Grace*”, Church Choir

Time of Reflections Featured Speaker, Sister Laura Oliver, Friend

Obituary Lee C. Hamilton, Jr., Nephew

First Poem Reading “*Do Not Stand By My Grave and Weep*”
Asia Brown, Cousin

Second Poem Reading ‘Last Request’, Terrell Jefferson
Great-Nephew

Proclamation Stephen A. Wallace, Committeeman (Friend)
City of Elizabeth

Musical Selection “*Total Praise*”, Church Choir

Soloist..... Ms. Tina Spears

Eulogy Pastor Tyrone McDonald

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or to win. Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less. Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Don't be concerned about me now, I am well with God. I made it home. Don't talk about my illness, it is over and it is done. Just see to all my family's needs, especially my loved ones. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint. Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me on a canvas, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember the good times, but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request. Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that is left; thank God for my soul's resting; thank God for I have been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, PRAISE GOD who loved me best.

Special Acknowledgement

Elaine would like to express her sincerest gratitude to Pastor Tyrone McDonald and the caregivers who were there through it all to help advocate for her care, assist in ensuring Phyllis was not alone, and comfort her until she was called Home.

Gina Bishop, Loving Cousin

Brenda Burgess, Loving Friend

Sister Carmen Jordan, Loving Church Member

Reverend Altamese Marion, D.D., Loving Spiritual Mother

Sister Laura Oliver, Loving Friend

Anne (Liz) Smalls, Loving Friend

Lillie Ward, Loving Cousin

Carla R. Weathers, Loving Friend

In Appreciation

The Hamilton family would like to thank you for your heartfelt prayers, cards, flowers, and other expressions of sympathy and support. May God Bless each and every one of you.

Pallbearers:

Jarrell Smith, Nephew

Robert Smith, Nephew

Lamont Cooley, Cousin

Lamar Cooley, Cousin

Nyigel Brown, Cousin

Joseph Brown, Cousin

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