

Homegoing Celebration
For
Elder Jo-Ann Smith Owens

Sunrise
December 5, 1951



Sunset
May 16, 2014

Thursday May 22, 2014
Viewing 9:00 to 11:00 am
Service 11am

Wesley A.M.E. Church

204 Sunset Road
Burlington, New Jersey 08016
Rev. Canon, Pastor

Rev. Sharon James, Presiding
Pastor Carl Dixon, Eulogist



Obituary

Jo-Ann Smith Owens the oldest of ten children was born December 5, 1951 in Newark NJ to the late Joseph and Euince Morant. She departed this life Friday May 16, 2014 at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mount Holly, New Jersey.

She attended the Public School System in Newark, New Jersey. She furthered her education at Essex County College and later became a Medical Assistant.

She was employed by Medco Pharmaceutical for 8 years and retired in 2012 as an Pharmacy Technician.

Jo-Ann Smith Owens was united in marriage in 1982 to the late Deacon Kenneth Smith. This union was blessed with 5 children.

In 1999 she united in Holy Matrimony to Deacon Franklin Owens, devoted husband.

Jo-Ann receive Christ as her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 1976 during a revival preached by Bishop Alfred Williams . She later attend and joined Mt. Zion F.B.H Church under the leadership of Mother Minerva W. Steele.

She accepted her call into the ministry in 1989 and served in many leadership positions. In 1992 she was ordained to the office of a Pastor by the Late Bishop Salisbury and later founded Faith Temple Tabernacle of Praise Church in Burlington New Jersey.

Pastor Jo-Ann in 2011 was awarded by Young Women of Virtue Outreach for the difference she made in the lives of women in her community.

In 2013 she was elevated to an Elder by Apostle Roxanne Barnes, of New Life Multicultural International Fellowship Ministries.

Elder Smith- Owens loved doing the work of Jesus Christ through Outreach, gift of helps, parenting foster children and care-giving to Ms. Roberta Beats. Many have witness the ministry of this mighty woman of God. Often times she would testify to the many life obstacles she and her family endured.

During Elder Jo-Ann spare time she enjoyed traveling, shopping and going to gospel concerts.

We will most remember her for the truth she stood for along with some of her sayings quoted: "I don't care if you don't like it" but Its right any how!

She was preceded in death by her brother David Morant.

Elder Jo-Ann Smith Owens is blessed with a loving family and husband, Deacon Franklin Owens. She leaves to cherish her memory: eight children, Andre Morant, Kerine Smith, Kenneth Smith, Terrance Smith, Rasheedah Smith, of Burlington NJ, Frankie Owens Jr., Thersea Owens, William Owens of Willingboro NJ; five grandchildren, Kian Oliver, Isis Morant, Khari Smith, Jonah Morant and Quinan Oliver; six brothers, Rev. L. V. Morant of Perth Amboy, NJ, Johnnie Morant of Parsippany NJ, Kenneth Morant of Hillside NJ, Bill Morant of Edgewater Park, NJ, Eddie Morant of Willingboro, NJ and Kevin Morant of Willingboro NJ; three sisters, Deirdre Morant of Tampa, FL, Vicey B. Morant of Florence , NJ and Rev. Christina Graves of Parlin NJ; one –brother-in-law, Rev. Joey Graves; four sisters-in-law, Shelia Morant, Karen Morant, Connie Morant and Trudy Morant; one uncle Frank Woods of Newark, NJ; special friend, Apostle Roxanne Barnes; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family



*You opened the doors to your heart without a second thought
You rescued me and shaped my young soul,
You taught me how to love, and that God
is the only one who can make me whole.
My happiness was always your goal and yours ...mine
Every landmark on our journey now sacred
memories that will get me through each day.
Now that God has called you home,
You gave me wings and now you finally have
yours continuing to watch over me as you soar...
until it's my turn to take flight I pray
I become half of the woman you
were I love you for LIFE...*

With love,
your daughter RaRa

Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Presiding.....Rev. Sharon James
Steele Memorial F.B.H. Church, Elizabeth, NJ

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 91.....Rev. L. Wood

New Testament: I Corinthians 15: 51-58.....Pastor Joey Graves
Heaven Belongs To You F.B.H. Church, Irvington, NJ

Selection.....Steele Memorial F.B.H. Church
Elizabeth NJ

Family Tributes..... Children
Grandchildren
Siblings
Nieces & Nephews

Solo

Poem.....Billy Morant

Words of Expressions{please limit to 2 minutes}

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Obituary.....Deaconess Dimetria Major

Sermonic Selection.....Co-Pastor Angie Dixon
Abundant Life Church, Teaneck, NJ

Eulogy.....Pastor Carl Dixon
Abundant Life Church, Teaneck, NJ

Final Viewing

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interment</u> Odd Fellas Cemetery 800 US Highway#130 Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey USA</p>

The Family

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return back here at church for repast.



God Saw You Getting Weary

God saw you getting weary, so He did what He thought best He came and stood beside you, whispered "Come and rest." You wished no one a last farewell, nor even said goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. When God called you to come and rest, you didn't go alone. For a part of us went with you, the day God took you home.



Acknowledgements

*We are grateful by the love given during the passing of our beloved **Elder Jo-Ann Smith Owens**. A very special thank to Pastor Canon & Wesley AME Church, Kenny Cattenhead & The Family Funeral Home of Newark NJ, Stein Florist and last but not least, to our family and friends.. May God bless all of you.*

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