

Sunviso

Sunrise September 8, 1934

Sunset September 5, 2014

Friday, September 12, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

Canaan Baptist Church

131 Pomona Avenue Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Brenda Bonney Bracey, Officiating

<u>Obituary</u> Evangelist Johnnie Clifford Young Watson

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 2 Timothy 4:7

Johnnie Young Watson eldest daughter and first born child of the late Maggie L. and Charles S. Mayes was born September 8, 1934 in Washington, GA.

Johnnie attended Barringer High School in Newark and later attended Essex County College where she received her nursing degree in 1955. Johnnie was a caring nurse for several Newark hospitals. In 1957, she married the late Fred Young to that union two children were born Michael Anthony Young and Brenda Gail Young Simmons.

Johnnie's early spiritual training started at Metropolitan Baptist Church where her dad Charles Mayes was a Charter Member. She then took membership at the Christian Faith Baptist Church in Newark under the guidance of the late Reverend C.F. Bonney. She was a member of the missionary and pastors aide. She furthered her love of Christ by becoming an evangelist and later getting her PH. D in theology.

Johnnie's career as a nurse was cut short when she came down with lupus. She continued to keep her license updated and continued to be a caregiver by giving early childhood training to her grandchildren. Johnnie will be remembered for her unconditional giving spirit and love for family and friends. Although she struggled for a long time with health issues she never gave up and if you talked to her she would always say "I'm blessed and doing the best I can".

Johnnie found her eternal peace at the Cranford Health Nursing Facility.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Marietta Mayes Hicklin.

She leaves to celebrate her life: her only daughter, Brenda Simmons; her son, Michael Young; a loving son-in-law, Derek Simmons (her Boy); three brothers, Charles Mayes, Bobby, Mayes and Welban Lamar Salaam; two sisters-in-law, Phyllis Mayes and Anne Mayes; one brother-in-law, James Hicklin; six grandchildren, Gregory, Derek, Jr., Amber, Rajah, Asia and Amin; one great grandchild,; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lovingly Submitted, The Family

Order of Service

| Musical PreludeOrganist |
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| Processional |
| Selection |
| Scripture Reading: Old Testament New Testament - John 14 |
| Prayer |
| Selection |
| Reflections(please try and be brief) 2-3 minutes |
| Acknowledgements, Condolences & Resolutions Clerk |
| Obituary Sis Panzy King |
| Selection |
| Eulogy |
| Recessional |

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery Orange Road Montclair, New Jersey

You are invited to join the family at the Canaan Baptist Church for repast immediately following interment.

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

<u> Heknowledgement</u>

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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