

*Celebration of Life
for*

Michelle Phillips

Sunrise
February 18, 1968

Sunset
November 15, 2014

Service

Saturday, November 22, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

Clearway Missionary Baptist Church

747 S. 13th Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Pastor Paul M. Graves

Pastor Amos J. Malone, Officiating

Macadonia Baptist Church

Obituary

On November 15, 2014, the Lord called home **Michelle “Sugar” Phillips (Madison)**, one of his most outspoken and caring angels. Michelle, known for her quick wit and love of family, was the only child of Roy Nesmith and Betty Madison, born on February 18, 1968 in Newark, New Jersey. She graduated from Weequahic High School and continued her education at Berkeley College and Union County Community College. For more than a decade, she was employed at the Internal Revenue Services, but took the greatest satisfaction in being a wife and mother.

After a long courtship, Michelle married her best friend and confidant, Darwin Phillips. The proudest moments of her life were the birth of her children, Darryl and Darius. Michelle’s life revolved around her mother, husband, and children. She had an outgoing personality, loved the color “purple”, and would assist anyone in need.

In her youth, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at St. Peter’s Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Robert Lee Morrast. She sang in the choir and participated in many youth and young adult activities. She later became a member of Clearway Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Paul Graves. One of her favorite scriptures was Philippians 4:13.

Michelle leaves to cherish her memory; Darwin Phillips, her husband; sons, Darryl and Darius Phillips; mother, Betty Battle; step-siblings, Richard, Janice and Ralph Battle; mother-in-law, Betty Phillips; sister-in-law, Yolanda Phillips-Hadden (Damian); niece, Adrienne Hadden; nephew, Brandon Hadden; best-friend, Angela Williams (Lessel); Godsister, Angela Johnson; Godmother, Carolyn Elder; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and loved ones. Michelle was preceded to glory by her stepfather, JC Battle, and stepsister, Pam Battle.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

ProcessionalClergy & Family

OfficiatingClergy

Prayer of Comfort Clergy

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Clergy

New Testament Clergy

Selection Clearway Church Choir

Remarks(2 minutes)

Acknowledgement & Obituary Sis. Doris Malone

Selection Clearway Church Choir

Words of Encouragement Pastor R.L. Morrast

Selection Min. Toby Carson

Eulogy Pastor Amos J. Malone

Recessional

*Friends are respectfully invited to join the family for a repast
in the Upper Dining Hall immediately following the service.*

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Expressions of Gratitude

*We, the family of **Michelle Phillips** wish to express our deepest appreciation to everyone for their prayers, kindness and support during this time of bereavement. A special thank you to the Clearway Missionary Baptist Church.*

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