

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Alicia Richetta Spann*

February 16, 1964 – January 8, 2015



**Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 12:00 Noon**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey

**Bishop Hilton Rawls, Officiating**  
**Michael Gammage, Organist**

*Order of Service*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection of Remembrance

Jah-Jah: Taji; Charlie

Reading of Obituary

Al-Khaaliq

Remarks

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

**Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

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**Alicia Richetta Spann** was born to Carol Spann and Donald Smith on a COLD day – February 16<sup>th</sup> in the year 1964.

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She began her education at Newton Street Elementary School. She then attended: Morton St, Alexander St., Vailsburg High School and ultimately Orange High School. She attended Katherine Gibbs Business School with her goals of becoming a secretary. Upon graduating she began working at NJIT. The grant funded program ended and as a result Alicia found employment with the Newark Family Resource Program. After years with that company and her involvement in the Recovery community she went to continue her education with the goal of working as a substance abuse counselor. She then obtained certification which led to her employment with Straight and Narrow as Social Worker. Alicia who never backed down from a CHALLENGE, stepped out on a leap of faith and made the DRASTIC career changing decision to become... A bus driver! Who KNEW.. After the INITIAL STRESS she fell in love with her job at New Jersey Transit. She was dedicated as well as ADAMENT about Returning to work after an Accident put her out of work for months.

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Alicia in her 20+ years in a 12 step program has become a VISION OF HOPE and a MUCH LOVED AND RESPECTED, LETS NOT FORGET INFORMED, member of said program.

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Alicia's SPIRIT LIVES in the hearts of her Mom, Carol Spann, Dad, Donald Smith; Brothers Charles and Al-Khaaliq. Niece's Tajiana and Nadejah; Nephew's Jerome and Nasir, Aunt's Phyllis, Irma, and Ronnie; Cousins; Tracy, Al-nisa, Jibril, Ibrahim, Tahira, Michelle, Melva, Maxine, Gregory, Dawn, Alnisa, Quadree and the children of all of the above. . A host of relatives, friends and associates... Far too many to list.. She touched the Hearts of MANY.

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HER LIFE WAS EVIDENCE THAT WITH A MESSAGE OF HOPE THERE IS A PROMISE OF FREEDOM!!!!

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# *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*

## *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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