

A woman with dark hair, wearing a black sleeveless dress and a bracelet, is sitting on a wide, ornate staircase. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with orange, red, and purple hues. The text is overlaid on the image.

Celebrating the Life of Chiquita Banks

Sunrise

January 21, 1954

Sunset

January 9, 2015

Saturday, January 17, 2015 - 10:00 AM

Tried Stone Baptist Church

1591 Boston Road
Bronx, New York

Officiating; Reverend Roderick Merrick

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection

Invocation

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Viewing

Benediction



Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

Reflections of Chiquita Banks Life

Chiquita (Jeanette) Banks was a very well loved wife, mother, grandmother and beautiful friend. Chiquita was born January 21, 1954 in Bronx, New York. She was the fourth child of eight children to Jean and Richard Banks both predeceased. Chiquita was called home January 9, 2015.

In her adolescent days she attended PS 63 and moved on to Jane Adams High School where she graduated and quickly moved on her way in the educational world. She met Edwin Giles in high school through her sister. From that union they had six children where they remained in their hometown of Bronx, New York.

Chiquita worked for the Department of Education for several years as a dietician at Morris High School. She was well loved by her co-workers, staff and students. Before she joined the Department of Education she was an administrative assistant for VIP Community Services for seven years. She enjoyed community events such as dancing, fish fries, going out to restaurants, partying, trips, barbeques, church events and let us not forget her spade card games. Chiquita was known for her green thumb and loved her plants.

In the early 2000's Chiquita joined Tried Stone Baptist Church and had a host of different titles ranging from choir leader, Sunday school facilitator and treasurer. She was actively involved in so many other community organizations, such as treasurer with the NAACP, member of her grandchildren's PTA and event planner within her community.

Within all of her involvement in these organizations and communities she still and always had time for her family, especially her grand and great-grandchildren. Chiquita valued her family and she enjoyed her quality time from barbeques to holiday's and anniversaries. She told everyone she was close with how proud and happy she was of her family.

She leaves to mourn her children Sherise, Edward, Juanita, Schronda, Edweiner and Tyrone; brothers and sisters Billy, Nina (both predeceased), Melvin, George, Andre, Renee and Richard; grandchildren Shakim, Rasheed, Xavier, Jaylen, Kahlya, Karmella, Kahlie, Jr., Kapryya, Abigail and Naomi; great-grandchildren Khalil and Daven, a host of nieces, nephews other family and great friends.



The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,*

*But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Chiquita Banks** expresses their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during our time of sorrow.

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