



*Home Going
Celebration*

Mrs. Doris Elizabeth Crawford

Earthly Sunrise: February 7, 1929

Eternal Sunrise: June 5, 2015

Saturday, June 13, 2015
11:00 a.m.

Beulah Bible Cathedral

580 South Twelfth Street
Newark, New Jersey 07104

**Rev. Gerald L. Dickson, Officiating
Senior Pastor & Teacher**

Andre Scott, Assistant Pastor & Teacher

Obituary

I CORINTHIANS 15:51-52 *“Behold I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

On Friday, June 5, 2015, Mrs. Doris Elizabeth Crawford quietly and serenely slept away at home, surrounded by family and loved ones. She took wings and flew to her celestial home.

Mrs. Crawford was the First Lady of the Beulah Baptist Church located at 580 South Twelfth Street in Newark, New Jersey. She was an only child, born to the late Marinda and Eugene Tuggle on February 7, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. She began her Christian walk at the Woodward Baptist Church in Atlanta, under the leadership of Rev. K. Bland.

At a young age, she met and married the late Charles L. Wallace. From that union three children were born, James Lewis (Puddin), Claude Leon (Lee) and Doris Anita (Nita).

It was in 1947 that Doris accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and surrendered her plans of an earthly life to follow the plans of “The Planner of Everlasting Life.”

In 1953 her mother, Marinda Tuggle relocated the family to Newark, New Jersey and shortly thereafter, the family joined the Beulah Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late Rev. J. C. Crawford and she remained a faithful servant and member for 62 years.

In 1962 she was united in holy matrimony to Rev. Crawford. As a young pastor of Beulah for only 13 years, they became one mind in Christ, committed to serve and to lead the people and the church as God would have them. In supporting her husband, many ministries were organized. The Nurse’s Unit and the Juniorette Choir were just a few ministries that she loved and labored to see that they took root to flourish. Doris sang in the Senior Choir, held the position of President of the Nurse’s Unit, and worked diligently as the church decorator, Vacation Bible School Director, the Pastor’s Secretary, and wherever else there was a need. She served to the best of her ability. Of all the ministries she served, her love was teaching Sunday school. Mrs. Crawford was a “Called Teacher” of the Word. Gifted, anointed and favored by God. She would present the lesson like no other, making it plain, so everyone could understand the Word of God. Doris Crawford fed the hungry, clothed the naked and counseled many people. Hold on to God’s unchanging hand and pray, was a favorite saying. Pray and keep on Praying. She touched so many lives, and so many lives were changed because of the prayers she prayed for them. Throughout New Jersey, New York and the Baltimore, MD area, she was often the guest speaker for Women’s Day at numerous churches and events.

In addition to her church activities, this first lady was involved in the activities of the Ministers' Wives Associations. Sister Doris Crawford was a member of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Incorporated; The New Jersey Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers'; She participated in the local organization of the Ministers Wives & Widows Alliance of Jersey City/Newark and Vicinity until she transferred her membership to the Abatenjwa Alliance of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows of Newark and Vicinity. She was a faithful and active member in Abatenjwa and held the position as chaplain. She delighted in traveling and attending the conventions of the Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Associations. The sisters in these organizations were dear to her heart.

In November, 1971, Mrs. Crawford received a Diploma in Professional Custom Millinery from the Academy of Millinery Design, Little Falls, New Jersey. She loved to custom design her hats and to coordinate them with her "First Lady" ensembles. She loved to decorate her home and to make it beautiful for her family. She loved to shop for clothes, shoes and jewelry. Her favorite color was emerald green and her favorite flower was the orchid. Her favorite scripture was the 51st Division of Psalms, her favorite song was "He Touched Me" and her favorite metered hymn was "Father I Stretched My Hands To Thee".

Whether she is called My, Ma, Mama, Grandma, GG, Aunt Doris, Sister Crawford, Mother Crawford or just Mother, she will be greatly missed. Mama loved her family and all the children. She loved the family gatherings at her house; the 4th of July cook-outs; Thanksgiving dinners; and of course Christmas with all the kids, gifts and laughter. Mama spoke often and shared memories about her late husband, Rev. J.C. Crawford. She was a faithful and loyal wife for 27 years.... And now they are reunited in heaven. Mourning her are her children, James, Claude and Nita, her grandchildren, James Wallace Jr. (Linda); Sinclair Wallace (Keisha); Monique Coston; Kaietha Andrews (Alex); Claude Wallace Jr.; and Regina Wallace; a God Daughter; Ethel Jackson, of Orlando, FL; a God Son, Rev. Douglas Williams III; 12 Great-Grandchildren; 6 Great-Great Grandchildren; The McDowell Family; two cousins, Annie Mae Gates and Runetta Bowden of Atlanta, GA; her Beulah Family; and a host of many friends and love ones.

"If You Could See Me Now"

My prayers have been answered I finally arrived. The healing that had been delayed is now realized. No one's in a hurry, there's no schedule to keep; we're all enjoying Jesus just sitting at His feet. If you could see me now, I'm walking streets of gold. If you could see me now, I'm walking tall and whole. If you could see me now you'd know I've seen His face. If you could see me now, my light and temporary trials have worked out for my good to know it brought Him glory when I misunderstood. If you could see me now, I'm shouting Hallelujah! I made it over, I made it over!

Author Unknown

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort “Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee”

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalm 51:1-12

Pastor Orlando Vick

Greater Providence

Missionary Baptist Church

Newark, New Jersey

New Testament.....1 Timothy 5

Pastor Vester Dock

New Hope Baptist Church

Freehold, New Jersey

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Lula Baker

Cross And Crown Christian Church

South Amboy, New Jersey

Musical Selection.....Beulah Mass Choir

Church Resolution.....Pamela Garrett

Acknowledgement.....Church Clerk

Obituary (Silently Read)

Musical Selection.....“When I Get Home”

Beulah Mass Choir

Words of Expression (2 mins)

Mrs. Michelle Harris, NJ State Ministers’ Wives And

Ministers’ Widows Association

Deacon Jeffery Edwards - Official Staff

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Claude L. Wallace - Son

Solo“He Touched Me”
Rev. Anita Bethea
Little Rock Baptist Church
Newark, New Jersey

The Eulogy.....Pastor Douglas Williams III
Zion Hill Baptist Church
Newark, New Jersey

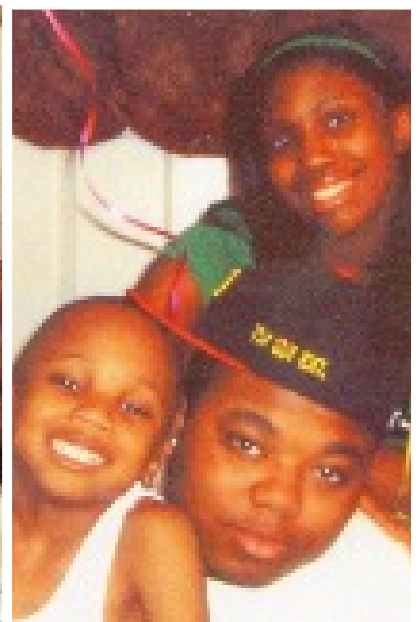
Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Prayer and Benediction

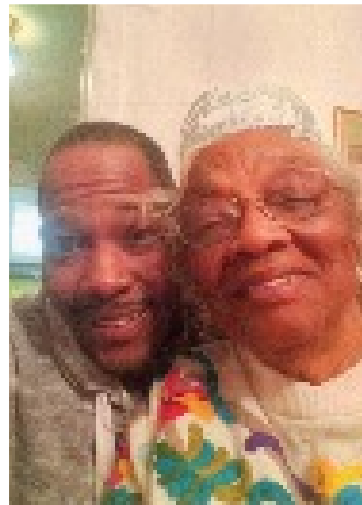
Recessional.....“Let The Church Say Amen”



Precious



Mama's 66th Birthday - February 7, 2005



Memories



Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07107

Honorary Pallbearers Grand and Great Grandsons

James Wallace Jr.	Sinclair Wallace
Claude Wallace Jr.	Dennis Majors
Eric Orr	Orlan Coston
Christian Doek	

Floral Bearers Ushers of Beulah Bible Cathedral

Acknowledgement

In times like these, we are blessed to have caring friends. Your prayers, calls, thoughts, kind words, donations, and visits have encouraged us and have helped to sustain us.
The Crawford Family

To our sister churches, Zion Hill Baptist Church-Newark, NJ, New Hope Baptist Church-Freehold, NJ, Greater Providence Missionary Baptist Church- Newark, NJ, Cross and Crown Christian Church-South Orange, NJ, and Little Rock Baptist Church- Newark, NJ, we thank you for your service and support.

The Crawford Family &
The Beulah Bible Cathedral

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