

In Loving Memory of



Vanessa Stokes

Sunrise
November 30, 1958

Sunset
September 3, 2015

Service

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

The New Hope Baptist Church

106 Sussex Avenue

Newark, New Jersey 07103

Pastor Joe A. Carter, Officiating

Obituary

Vanessa Stokes of Newark, NJ was born on November 30, 1958. She made her transition into heaven on September 3, 2015.

Vanessa was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to all that knew her.

Vanessa attended the Newark and East Orange school district, where she graduated from East Orange High School, class of 1977. She received an Associates Degree from Essex County College and a Computer Tech Degree from Katherine Gibbs School in Montclair, New Jersey.

Vanessa was a loyal member of The New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, where she served on the Usher Board, Board of Trustees and as a member of the mass choir. She also faithfully attended CBT, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Vanessa dedicated more than thirty years of her life to McCarter and English Law Firm in Newark, NJ, where she worked as a paralegal assistant.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Arlene Lloyd; father, Henry Stokes; brothers, Lenco, Rodney and Johnny. She leaves behind: her daughter, Xaviea Stokes; grandson, Altamir; granddaughter, A'yanah; sisters, Alanda, Sharon, Phylis, Kendra and Patty; brothers, Georgie, Kevin and brother-in-law, James Dobie; stepfather, George Hawkins; god daughters/nieces, Alanda, Donisha, Donitta and Donyah; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgments, Condolences

Resolutions

Obituary

(Read Silently)

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Glendale Cemetery
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation
for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was
shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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