



*Celebrating the Life of*

*Edith Louise Frazier*

**Sunrise**  
July 3, 1953

**Sunset**  
September 11, 2015



Friday, September 18, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**GILMORE TABERNACLE LOOK & LIVE MINISTRY**

68 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

*Elder Thomas P. Farrar, Pastor*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Edith Louise Frazier** was born July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1953 in Philadelphia, PA. She was the youngest of seven children born to the late Bishop Herbert and Mother Maggie (Smalls) Frazier. In 1959, Bishop Herbert Frazier was called to Pastor at Bethel Church of Christ Paterson, New Jersey. After accepting his ministry assignment, the family moved from Philadelphia, PA to Paterson, New Jersey.

During this time, Edith Frazier began to demonstrate her musical genius. Indeed she was anointed by God to serve as a minstrel of gospel music.

During her early childhood years, she attended Public School 10, then moved on to Eastside High School where from which she graduated in 1971. She attended William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey. She was employed by the IBM Corporation Wayne for over twenty years.

While living in Philadelphia, Edith attended the Greater Refuge Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the leadership of Apostle H.D. Jones. She was a member of the choir and Sunday School Department. Later on, Edith accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost and baptized in Jesus name at Bethel Church of Christ. She immediately began to be active in the work of her father's ministry. She served in the capacity of music ministry and church administration. Edith was anointed to play the organ at the tender age of 13 years old. She helped establish various auxiliaries but her primary focus was the music ministry. She spent countless hours in rehearsals, at national meetings, and diocese meetings. Many would agree and attest to the fact that she was a matriarch of music ministry in the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ and abroad. God gave her the gifting to bless many lives even through her own suffering. Another gift she was blessed with was the gift of cooking. If you ever wanted a good home cooked soul food meal with lots of love, Edith was the one to call on. In November of 2010, Edith relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina where she made that her home. Upon relocating to Raleigh, she left her mark. She had become a mother to many young adults in her community where she was actively involved. Edith was known for having a green thumb, interior decorating, being a faithful member on two different prayer lines, and she also had a love of fashion.

After answering the clarion call of our loving Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, September 11, 2015, Edith Frazier entered into eternal rest from the labors and cares of this world.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Bishop, father, Bishop Herbert Frazier, three brothers, Johnny Smalls, Bobby Lee Smalls and Leroy Smalls.

She leaves to cherish loving memories with: her daughters, Demetria Smith (James) and Shamyrah Frazier-Davis (Jeremiah); her mother, Maggie Frazier; four sisters, Valerie Matlock (Duane), Wilma Brooks (Eugene), Dottie Smalls and Nelwn G. Bogany; two grandsons, Caleb and Malcolm Smith; her Greater Bethel Church of Christ family; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Musical Prelude .....Clifton Webb

Officiating ..... Bishop Dr. Robert C. Spellman  
Macedonia Church of Christ, Newark, NJ

Hymn ..... “By And By”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament .....Elder Joseph Moore  
Resurrection Church, Paterson, NJ

New Testament .....Brian Simmons

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Kenneth D.R. Clayton  
St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Selection.....The Edith Frazier Memorial Choir

Brief Remarks ..... Guided

Family Tribute.....Tara Davis

Acknowledgements.....Guided

Reflections of Life.....James Smith

Solo ..... Elder Linda Stancil

Eulogy & Committal .....Apostle James I. Clark, Jr.  
Christ Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith, New York City, NY

Final Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

*Saturday, September 19, 2015 - 10:00 am*  
East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
255 Main Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey



## *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 share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!  
-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Edith Louise Frazier** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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