

In Loving Memory
Celebrating the Life
Of
Emma Jean Watson



Sunrise:
July 1, 1955



Sunset:
September 16, 2015

Service

Saturday, September 26, 2015 ~ 9:30 am

First Baptist Church

225 North Eighth Street

Kenilworth, New Jersey 07033

Reverend Mildred Williams, Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Nathaniel Bullock, Jr., Senior Pastor

Life Reflections

Emma Jean Watson was born on July 1, 1955 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, daughter of Marion “Bip” Watson and the late Wilhelmay Cooper Watson. She attended the Elizabeth Public School system before moving to Linden in 1968. In 1979, she relocated to Roselle and has lived in East Orange for the past 2 years.

Emma was a Bus Driver for First Student School Bus Company in East Orange for a year. Previously, she worked in the same capacity at Vogel Bus Company in Roselle for 10 years and JJ Transportation in Linden for a year.

She was an active member at First Baptist Church in Kenilworth where she sang in a choir. Emma co-hosted a gospel music radio show, “Amazing Women” with Jo-Ann Jefferson on CFC Radio 620 am every Saturday.

“EJ Smokey,” as she was called affectionately by family and friends, was a well-acclaimed recording artist, composer, songwriter, actress, and playwright. She wrote the play “The Congregation.” Emma worked and studied under the instruction from the Newark Community School of The Arts, the late Duke Anderson, Inez McClendon, and Winston Hughes. She studied under the late actor Fred “Rerun” Berry, who starred in the TV show “What’s Happening?” She also studied under TV actor Chris Curry of “So You Want to be a Star” and the Universal Talent Agency in Wayne, New Jersey. Emma started her own music production company, “Derk Records” with her sons and her business, “EJ Watson & Sons Enterprises.”

Her acting credits included Star and Universal Talent Agency in Wayne, New Jersey for EJ Watson & Sons Enterprises; the off-Broadway Gospel Musical titled, “The Congregation”; the off-Broadway Musicals titled, “Going Back Home” and “Rev. Martin Luther King Dreams.” Her movie credits are “Just Wright” with actress Queen Latifah, “The Good Wife,” “The George Tillman, Jr. Story” to name a few. Her commercial credits include for Verizon and ING Bank. Her lead vocalist and background credits: “Force of Attack Bank” in Plainfield, NJ; King Pins Bands in the Bronx, NY; Eunice Johnson & BECI singers in NYC; EJ Smokey & Friend’s Band in NJ; the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, NY; the Newark Public Library with African dancer, Kevin Owens; and the former vocalist for the “Temptations” and “The Funkadelics” the late Raymond “Ray” Davis. She had an upcoming novel to be released to the public later this year titled, “The Congregation” and the “Teacher & the Wannabe’s.”

Emma won the “Outstanding of Excellence” award in May 2015. She also won the “Outstanding of Excellence” award at the Diva Pageant and was the recipient of many scholarship awards.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in the Star of Bethlehem Chapter #3 in Newark, New Jersey.

On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, Emma Jean Watson departed this earthly life at the age of 60.

She was predeceased by her 2 brothers, Dr. Charles Watson and Eugene Coleman, Sr.

Emma leaves to cherish her memory, her sons: Otis Curtis Watson and Derrick Lamont Watson (Paulett); father, Marion “Bip” Watson; 2 sisters: Lorraine McGriff (Tommy, Sr.) and Loretta Watson; 7 grandchildren, Terrell Jahill, Antoinne Marquis, and Deshani Watson, Me’ki Smith, Trevon, Danisha, and Jayvon Nicholson; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 aunts, Iola Watson and Gertrude Watson; and a host of uncles, nieces, nephews, dear relatives and friends. She was loved and respected by the Women’s Organization for her community work.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends
are invited to return to the church for the Repast.*

Services Entrusted To:

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