Home Going Service For

Rev. Debbie Ann Slater

Sunrise November 20, 1953

Sunset November 22, 2015

Monday, November 30, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

**FIRST AME ZION CHURCH** 

326 Ellison Street Paterson, New Jersey *Rev. Douglas Maven, Pastor Bishop Marvin E. Mack, Officiating James Williams, Organist* 

<u>Reflections of Life</u>

**Reverend Debbie Ann (Plutty) Slater** was born November 20, 1953 in Willmington, North Carolina. She was the baby girl out of nine siblings to the late Luke and Willie Mildred Jacobs.

Rev. Debbie A. Slater graduated from Haggard High School located in North Carolina in 1972. She soon moved to New York where she became employed by Manhattan Psychiatric Center located in New York City, where she retired after serving forty-four years of dedicated service.

On March 4, 1976, Debbie Ann Slater became the wife of our beloved Willie Slater, Jr. of Paterson, New Jersey. Through this union, the two would create a family of their own which includes four young men she so dearly loved and adored.

Rev. Debbie A. Slater developed a relationship with Christ at a young age. Through the many years of serving Christ, she became a Missionary in 1994 and a licensed minister in 1995, under the leadership of the late Pastor Irene Washington from "The Hope of Glory Church of Christ Thru The Shed Blood of Jesus, Inc".

On October 7, 2007, Rev. Debbie A. Slater became a dedicated life-long member of the Holy Tabernacle of Praise Ministries. Following the leadership under Bishop Marvin E. Mack and Pastor Violet Mack.

In March of 2008, Rev. Debbie A. Slater became a licensed minister and was called to Preach the Gospel.

In January 2015, Rev. Debbie A. Slater received a certificate of Ordination and officially became authorized to perform duties in the ministry as an Elder. Following the leadership under Bishop Marvin E. Mack and Pastor Violet Mack. Rev. Debbie A. Slater served on the Board of Trustees, Pastors Aide Board, Elder Board, and served as a Sunday School Assistant.

She was preceded in death by her father, Luke Jacobs, mother, Willie Mildred Jacobs, brothers, James Jacobs and William Jacobs; sister, Carolyn Jacobs, mother and father-in-law, Rebecca and Willie Slater and brother-in-law, James E. Slater.

Rev. Debbie Slater leaves to cherish fond memories: the love of her life, best friend and someone to "tell it like it is" her husband of forty years, Willie D. Slater; four sons, Youth Pastor Shaun L. Slater (Shahidah), Sybre L. Slater, Shyann L. Slater (Tiffany), Shyli Slater; sister, Clarice Johnson (Harrison) of Willmington, NC; six brothers, Luke Jacobs (Shirley) of Charlotte, NC, John Jacobs (Annette) of Philadelphia, PA, Lorenza (Bernice) of Willmington, NC and Nathaniel R. Jacobs of Willmington, NC; stepson, Gregory McFadden of South Carolina; eight grandchildren, Eleanor, Yantinique, Symir, Nasir, Shaqua, Seanya, Sabre and Massiah; two great grandchildren, Zaniyah and Josiah; godmother, Bessie King of Philadelphia, PA; extended family: one brother-in-law, Donald Slater (Louella) of Paterson, NJ; four sisters-in-law, Elease Patterson (Charles) of Paterson, NJ, Mae Pugh (McCormick) of Concord, North Carolina, Mary Slater of Paterson, NJ and Gracey Alexander of Concord, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Servíce</u>

Prelude .....James Williams

Invocation

Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6 ...... Elder Willie Colyer New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ...... Co-Pastor Violet Mack

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....Dale Van Rensalier

**Reflections of Life** 

**Dance Ministry** 

Selection

Eulogy.....Bishop Marvin E. Mack The Holy Tabernacle of Praise Ministries, Paterson, NJ

**Final Viewing** 

Recessional

Interment East Ridgelawn Cemetery Clifton, New Jersey

" Tribute To Plutty"

A mother who loved and cared for us no matter what...

She was an "All In One Mother", a mother to her sons, a mother within her church family..
She was a grandmother to her eight grandchildren who enjoyed every moment with her..
She was a mother within her neighborhood (How could we forget about you Oliver?)

She was the best listener, someone you could spend hours on the phone talking to (but make sure she wasn't on the phone with Aunt Clarice, because you would get the dial-tone or placed on hold for hours)

She would give you the best advice and tell you exactly how it was, whether it was straight to the point or sugar coated just a little bit. She was always there in a time of need, opening up her doors to anyone...

> Our "Plutty", was best known for her sense of humor, "Oh", she was a little Jokester too.. She had her little jokes on the low-like her sons.. " (Ol' Meatball Head)"

She was always on the go, she didn't like to be left behind, always going along for the ride..

No matter what we needed,Plutty would find a way.. She kept all of us in church, we knew to bring church clothes and looked forward to being in her presence.. She made sure we had a relationship with God...

> You will forever live in our hearts.. Love your Grandchildren

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Debbie Ann Slater** 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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