

Celebrating The Life of
Stephanie Elaine Woodridge Jones-Oliver

Sunrise
December 5, 1952

Sunset
December 25, 2015



Wednesday, December 30, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

144 Norman Street
East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

As written by Stephanie edited by family

Stephanie Elaine Woodridge Jones-Oliver was born in East Orange, NJ to the late Wilson Jack Woodridge, Sr. and Jean Ernestine Woodridge-Smith as second of three children. Clarence Smith became Stephanie's father in 1981. After graduating from East Orange High school in 1970, she attended Delaware State University majoring in Sociology/ Anthropology from 1970 – 1974.

Stephanie joined Word Of God Christian Center of Newark, NJ in 2002, where Bishop Horace K. Williams is founder and pastor. She came to the Lord singing, "We've Come This Far By Faith". She always wanted to sing in the choir. She said, "I'm not good with the spoken word, but through music one can preach, pray and speak."

She is the Events department Chairperson, a member of the W.O.G Resurrection Choir and Secretary. Stephanie's main concerns are that the people see the spirit of God in her, that she stays humble before the Lord and that she continues to allow his anointing to use her.

Stephanie is survived by: her children, Kenyetta Jones-Baskerville, Brittany R. Oliver and Roy M. Oliver, 3rd (deceased); four granddaughters, Adayjia Martin, Sydney Barron, Rhyann Baskerville and Madison Ruffin; her brothers, Wilson "Chuck" Woodridge, Kevin Woodridge and Nehru Smith; son-in-law, Hasson Baskerville; sisters-in-law, Marion Irby, Vanessa Woodridge, Vivian Woodridge, Carolyn Oliver, Beverlyn Oliver, Joyce Oliver, Cicely Oliver, Debby Smith; brothers-in-law, David "Pedro" Jones, Willie Oliver, Rufus Oliver; and Fiancé', Vincent Potuto (deceased).

Like Paul I've fought a good fight. A lot could have been done differently but it wasn't. I can't put myself on the level of Apostle Paul, but his words were stern, direct and forgiving. Character traits that I hope I have.

I have a great sense of humor. I left the Sunday school because I was always talking myself out of the correct answer to the questions. Elder Mac I'm sure appeased me and let me speak on. There aren't many who would change their own minds before the full answer is given. Help me Lord!

Well I'm pretty much done. I've written my own eulogy and planned my funeral. I know some changes will be made, which is okay. I don't want to sound like an idiot, but who cares it's not like you'll talk about me today being an idiot. So I hope you remember me with a smile on your face and a song in your heart.

Smile because I love each and every one of you

Order of Service

Prelude.....Myron Smith

Processional.....Clergy

Selections.....“I Know The Lord” Word of God Christian Center Choir
“God Is My Everything”

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Darryll Martin

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10

New Testament - John 14:1

Solo.....“We Shall Behold Him”Jane Martin

Remarks.....Elder Darryll Martin
Marcia Harrison

Family and Friends.....Two Minutes Please

Selection.....Rashida Cheriser
Latashia Jackson

Acknowledgements.....Kevin Woodridge

Obituary.....Kevin Jamal Woodridge

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dwight D. Gill

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment
*Rosedale Cemetery
408 Orange Road
Montclair, New Jersey*

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are
invited for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall.*

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

-Helen Steiner Rice

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Stephanie Elaine Woodridge Jones-Oliver** extends our warmest and most grateful appreciation for the many comforting messages, prayers, visits, cards, and other expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.*

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