

In Loving Memory
of
Geneva T. Ling

Sunrise
December 20, 1958

Sunset
March 23, 2016



Friday, April 1, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
144 Norman Street • East Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Dwight Gill, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Selection
Lynn Elijah

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection
Lynn Elijah

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Words of Thanks
Crystal Ling

Eulogy
Rev. Dwight Gill

Recessional

INTERMENT

William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery
Wrightstown, New Jersey

Obituary

Geneva Tawana Benson-Ling, was born on December 20, 1958 to the late Nemiah and Louise Benson in Newark, NJ. She spent her final days battling Breast Cancer in Irvington, NJ. She was called home to be with the Lord on March 23, 2016 surrounded by family. At the time she was 57 years old.

Geneva attended the Newark Public School system. From kindergarten to second grade she attended Avon Avenue School. From third grade to sixth grade she attended Morton Street School. From Seventh to Eighth grade she attended West Kinney Junior High School. From ninth grade to twelfth grade she attended Malcolm X Shabazz School within a School for the gifted children where she graduated in 1976. She attended Montclair State University from 1976 to 1977. While attending Montclair State University, she decided to follow in the footsteps of her father and joined the U.S. Army. She served in active duty for three years and re-enlisted to the Army Reserves for three more years then retired honorably. She married and had a daughter Crystal N. L. Ling on December 24, 1982. She started working for the State of New Jersey Public Defenders Office and remained there until she was called home.

While working full time and raising a daughter full time, she attend Essex County College and received her Associates Degree in Business Administration on June 3, 2001. She went on to attend Rutgers University Newark, but was unable to complete her last six classes due to the battle with cancer.

Geneva was a very lively, career driven, fun loving, caring and giving woman. She loved to read, dance, listen to music and play games. She was known to the family as "the game lady." She was also the best dancer. You could call her at any time of the day and ask "Geneva who sang this song?". It never failed, she would always know. She was an education advocate. She always wanted everyone to strive for more the just the bare minimum. Never wanted anyone to settle for less because she knew we all had potential to do great things in life. She was a part of the City of Newark walk club and the Clara Mass Breast Cancer Survivor club. She was always willing to help anyone who needed help. When she entered a room, you knew you were going to have a good time. She loved to travel and visited many countries throughout the world. When she traveled, she liked to sight see. She had a great work ethic. She didn't even let cancer stop her from going to work. Her doctor said he wished he had more patients like her because she was a fighter. She fought until she took her last breath.

Geneva was preceded in death by father Nemiah Benson, mother Louise Benson, sister Valeria Benson, nephew Donald Benson and brother in laws Harold Ponder and Braxton Rowe. Geneva is survived by her daughter Crystal Ling, grandson Randy "Pooh Poopy" Brewer Jr, Sisters Gloria Lewis, Claudie Rowe, Ojetta Ponder and Florence Benson, brother Warren Benson and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

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The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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