

*Celebration of Life Service*



*Towanda N. Hilliard*

Sunrise  
July 3, 1969

Sunset  
April 4, 2016

*Service*

*Friday, April 8, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

*Abyssinian Baptist Church*

224 West Kinney Street • Newark, 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 with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, 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.*

## *Obituary*

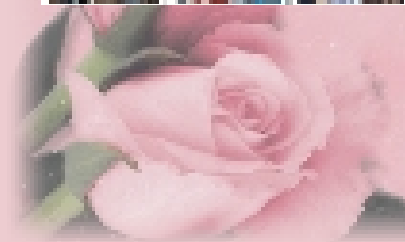
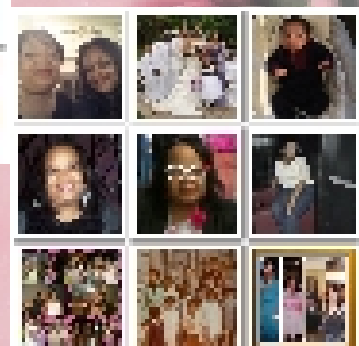
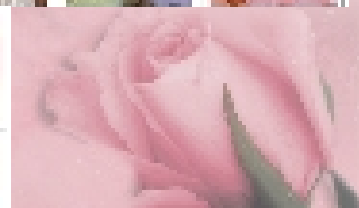
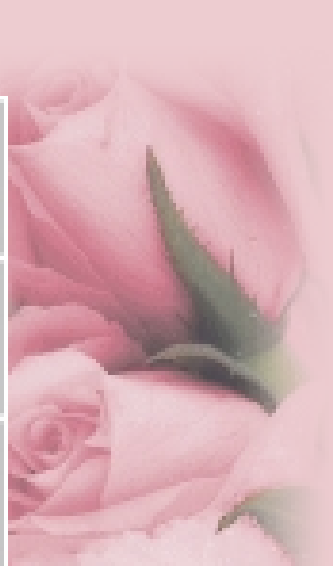
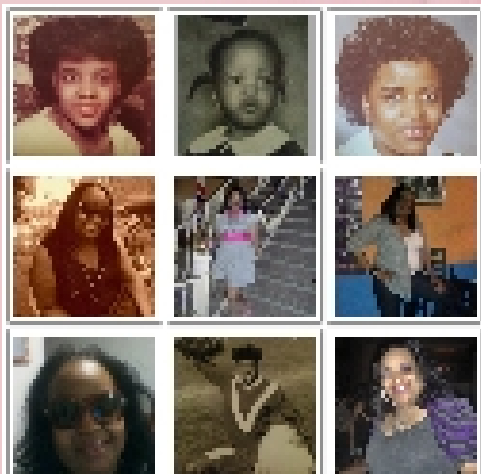
**Towanda Nadine Hilliard**, 46, returned to her heavenly home on April 4, 2016 after a valiant battle with Lupus. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her in her struggle and ultimately gave her peace.

Towanda was born to Georgia Davis and the late Arthur Evans in Newark, NJ on July 3, 1969. Coming into this world at only 2 pounds, she was born to be a fighter from day one. She graduated from West Side High School in 1987, where she was very well known by her outgoing personality and participation in extracurricular activities including the pep squad. This is when she met her high school sweetheart Jefferson Feaster (Kareem) and they had their pride and joy. Towanda remained in Newark where she worked as a Unit Clerk at St. Michael's Medical Center before her disability.

Towanda, who gave herself the nickname of Saleemah and more recent nickname of Lady "T", was known by everyone for her large smile, big heart, and loving spirit. She was without a doubt, one of the strongest women ever. Towanda would smile through her troubles and through her pain. No one would ever know she was fighting a constant battle. Cooking was her favorite pastime and for all her loved ones, eating was theirs. The center of her world was her daughter Krystal and granddaughter Alaiyah. Whenever you heard NeoSoul and Jill Scott playing loudly, you knew Towanda was somewhere singing and snapping her fingers.

Towanda was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Evans, brother, Stacey Hilliard and uncle, Tyrone Bailey.

Towanda leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Krystal Imbert; son-in-law, Jamin Imbert; granddaughter, Alaiyah Imbert; mother, Georgia Davis; brother, Anthony Davis; sister-in-law, Taj; three nephews, Demetrius Baker, Tariq and Amari Davis; two nieces, Myisha Quick and Kyasha McKoy; god-daughter, Iymani Walker; two great nephews, Al-taevon and Jha'ki Quick and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



# Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*Friends are invited to join the family  
for a repast back at the church.*



## *Mother*

*If I could give you diamonds  
for each tear you cried for me.*

*If I could give you sapphires  
for each truth you've helped me see.*

*If I could give you rubies  
for the heartache that you've known  
if I could give you pearls  
for the wisdom that you've shown.*

*Then you'll have a treasure, mother,  
that would mount up to the skies  
that would almost match the  
sparkle in your kind and loving eyes.*

*But I have no pearls, no diamonds,  
as I'm sure you're well aware so I'll  
give you gifts more precious  
My devotion, love and care.*

*~Author Unknown~*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family would like to express their deep  
appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness  
shown to them during their time of bereavement.*

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