

Sunrise April 25, 1957 Sunset July 11, 2016

<u>Service</u> Tuesday, July 19, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

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## Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Newark, New Jersey

Obiłuary

**JoAnn** made her entrance into the world on April 25, 1957 at Clara Maass Memorial Hospital in Newark to Frank Lee Alexander and Susie Belle Alexander.

The oldest of four children, JoAnn was raised and educated in Newark, attending both Cleveland Elementary School and Central High School where she was also a baton twirler who marched in multiple parades and school functions.

A natural caretaker, JoAnn enrolled in Seton Hall University in pursuit of a nursing degree. Unable to see sick children, she decided to channel her eagerness to help into a teaching degree. In 1980, she was a graduate of Seton Hall University with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education.

In January of 1986, she gave birth to her daughter, Nicole R. Good. For the next ten years, she taught in multiple early childhood centers throughout Newark. In November of 1996, she gave birth to her son, Lawrence A. Good. Two years later she began working for Newark Public Schools at the very school she attended as a child; Cleveland Elementary School. In 2012, she continued her career with Newark Public Schools at Quitman Street Elementary School.

During her thirty-six year teaching career, JoAnn was recognized on many occasions for her hard work, dedication and commitment to her students. She was an active member of the Sunshine Club at both Cleveland and Quitman Elementary Schools. JoAnn was a role model and mentor to many. A loving mother, daughter, sister and friend, she enjoyed spending her spare time doing for others. She was an excellent cook who also loved to crochet, make party favors, center pieces and anything to make others feel special. Affectionately called Jody or Jo, she enjoyed time with her family sharing meals, stories and laughs. A woman of strong character, she was a great giver of advice and support, making her a mother figure to many.

On July 11, 2016, JoAnn passed away at Beth Israel Hospital after a long illness surrounded by family. Preceding her in death were her father, Frank Lee Alexander, sister, Tracy Lee Alexander and nephew, Rasheen Bryson.

Left to cherish her memory are: her daughter, Nicole Reneé Good; her son, Lawrence Alexander Good; husband, John C. Good; longtime companion, Kitt Washington; mother, Susie B. Alexander; brother, Larry D. Alexander; sister, Blendine Alexander; beloved grand-dog, King; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

<u>Order of Service</u>

## Processional

Scripture Readings Old Testament New Testament

Prayer

Hymn

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Recessional

## <u>Interment</u>

Evergreen Cemetery Hillside, New Jersey

Immediately following the Interment friends are invited to join the family for a repast at The Centre 23-35 Elizabeth Avenue Newark, New Jersey 07102

Remembrance

You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,

> Or you can do What she'd want:

Smile, Open Your Eyes, Love and Go on.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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