

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*  
*Wanda Evans*

**Sunrise**  
July 2, 1967

**Sunset**  
August 18, 2016



*Thursday, August 25, 2016 - 12:00 Noon*

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

929 Dill Avenue

Linden, NJ 07036

*Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Dumas, Officiating*

*Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy  
Rev. Dr. Derrick R. Dumas  
*First Baptist Church, Linden, NJ*

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Hollywood Memorial Park  
Union, New Jersey

**Pallbearers**

Rafael Lee	Emmanuel Lee
Isaiah Lee	Elijah Lee
Richard Evans	Shon Evans

## *Obituary*

**Wanda Evans** made her grand appearance on July 2, 1967 to parents Deborah Evans and Edwin James in Newark, N.J. She was the 1st granddaughter of Dorothy and Robert Evans 16 grandchildren, which would explain her deep and precious bond with her grandmother. Two years later on May 29, 1969, she became a big sister to brother Edwin Evans. The two form a tight bond as they came up together in the Newark School system.

Wanda had a fondness for people that would start at an early age. Her mother could always count on her report card, that stated in the teachers comments “Wanda is a good student, but chews gum and talks too much during class”. Those same social skills would become one of Wanda’s most loved assets. To this day, some forty years later she could spot a elementary classmate and not only remember their face but also their name. No Facebook confirmation required. Along with social skills she developed a strong since of family and was quite protective of her family. On March 27, 1978, nearing her 11th birthday she became a big sister once again to brother Shon Evans. The two had a incredible bond, she treated him as if he were her own. The relationship would prepare her for her biggest blessing to come later in life.

In 1980, the Evans family moved to Roselle, N.J., its during this time frame Wanda came into her own, developing and flourishing into the woman we all knew and loved. Attending Abraham Clark High School, she played basketball and also became a cheerleader. She went on to graduate in June of 1985. Her next destination would be Union County College. It was there she met Marvin Williams, the two would marry a few years later. Although the union would not last, the two remained friends.

During that same time at the urging of her grandmother, Wanda took the test for N.J Bell. In 1988, she found her career and would work for N.J Bell for the next 28 years. In June of 1996 with that strong sense of family still going strong, Wanda took a road trip to Sumter, S.C to reconnect with her older sister Minnie Leaf. She met her nieces and nephew for the first time, and her Aunt Joann who she hadn’t seen since early in her childhood.

In the fall of 2003, through her close cousin Richie, she met Wesley Lee. While just hoping to buy a dog from him, a friendship was formed that would developed immensely. On August 4, 2006, a blessing would arrive for the two of them, Cynaya Ann Evans a beautiful daughter was born. Her “little princess” as she always called her was Wanda’s only focus, showering Cynaya with love. Taking motherhood dead on, she conquered it with ease. Even becoming PTA president for the 2013-14 school year. More than just a mother-daughter relationship, the two were inseparable best friends, taking numerous vacations and doing constant activities.

Wanda was a woman of great strength, also one of the kindest hearts you’ll ever encounter. She was also known to be a no nonsense kinda girl. She treated cancer in that same no nonsense demeanor. Wanda stayed away from the plush facilities, she said “give me the no frills, lets get down to business approach”. After a courageous and well fought battle with cancer, Wanda made her transition on August 18, 2016 surrounded by her family. She is preceded in death by her father Edwin James, stepfather Charles Graves, grandfather Robert Evans. She is survived by her daughter Cynaya Evans, mother Deborah Evans, significant other Wesley Lee, sister Minnie Leaf (Fletcher), brothers Edwin (Ursula), Shon Evans, tepsons Emmanuel, Rafael, Elijah, Isaiah Lee; and a host of family and friends.

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# Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.*

*-Helen Lowrie Marshall*

# To Wanda

Yesterday came and gone. Today is here, tomorrow will come. Time goes by so sudden so fast. Our memories and Love for you will forever last. Tonight before we lay, we shall close our eyes and pray. We shall not question God for a reason of why. I'll ask him to tell you that we love you, we'll miss you and one day we will see you again beyond the Sky. This is not our good-bye, for we understand God's plan that we all must leave this Earthy world. Life will go on but it will not be the same. It will start to get us a little down. But we will hold our faith. And trust in God that he will turn it all around.

# Acknowledgement

Ending words of thanks from the Evans family to all who came to send **Wanda** home. When death comes, the task of a family friends is indicated through visitations, communication, flowers, cards and other personal services, rendered to the family. Please be assured that the family of **Wanda Evans** shall never forget your kind expressions of sympathy and loyal devotion. Your moment of prayers and time, could have been spent elsewhere, for this, they are very grateful.

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