

*In Loving Memory of*



*Francesca Denise Shelly*

**Sunrise**

March 25, 1959

**Sunset**

September 16, 2016

**Service**

Saturday, September 24, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

**Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship**

83 Galloping Road  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

## Obituary

At mid-evening on Friday, September 16, 2016, **Francesca Denise Shelly** slipped quietly into the arms of our Heavenly Father as she shed the bonds of mortality and entered the realm of eternity.

**Francesca** was born on March 25, 1959 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina to the late Mattie Lee and Oliver Bert Shelly, the first daughter of their (10) children.

**Francesca** attended the Newark Public School Central District: including West Kinney Middle School and later attended Central High school, where she was actively involved in School Club's and was always selected to Model in the School Fashion Shows, which she loved dearly. She graduated from Central High School in 1976 and continued her studies at Essex County College of Newark, NJ. She also attended the United Bible College & Seminary of Orlando, FL receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Theology and many other studies through the Evangelical Bible Institute Satellite School under the late Dr. Nathaniel L. Screven.

Francesca was employed by the Newark Municipal City Hall in the late 1970's under former Mayor, Kenneth A. Gibson. In 1982 she was employed with the NJ Department of Agriculture for several years and then later began a career in Federal government beginning February 6, 1986, where she was an employee for over 30 years. Francesca (Fran) quickly became a member of the DEA "family" because of her wonderful and warm personality. She began her career as an Office Assistant at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. On August 1, 1992 she became an employee at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in New York City. She was promoted several times: Secretary at the DEA Northeast Laboratory, Secretary for the DEA New York Division 20, Intelligence Research Specialist and Senior Intelligence Research Specialist, which was her position at the time of her death. She will be deeply missed by her DEA "family" for not just the exceptional work that she did, but also because she was such a great friend to them all.

Francesca grew up knowing the Lord at Bethesda COGIC under the late Bishop James H. Screven, the late Dr. Nathaniel L. Screven and First Lady Jean Screven. Later continuing in ministry and was currently fellowshipping at Grace Reach Ministries COGIC under the present Pastor Paul Shelly (her brother) and his wife, First Lady Evangelist Sylvina Shelly where she served the Lord. She was a dedicated and faithful member with a heart that was always willing to help wherever help was needed and served in the Department of Hospitality and Helps. She loved to bake and would always make a big delicious cake that would just melt in your mouth, for church events and for the holidays. She loved to sing, one of her favorite songs was "Who Side Are You Leaning On, I'm Leaning On the Lord Side".

Francesca leaves to cherish her memory: her children; Demetrius Shelly and Valerie Davis, her grandchildren; Jacobian Davis, Gabrielle Davis, Javarris Stafford and Anaya Thompson, her siblings; the late Dennis Tyrone Lucas-Shelly, Alonzo Shelly, Mattie R. Garcia and her husband the late Michael Garcia, Celeste Oyekanmi, Emily Mohabeer and her husband Dhanpaul Mohabeer, Jacqueline Johnson and her husband Robert Johnson, Valerie Shelly, Paul Shelly and his wife Sylvina Shelly, Ernestine Augustine and her husband Joany Augustine, one special friend; Joe Morrison and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

*Order Service*

**Musical Prelude**

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Hymn of Comfort

Prayer of Comfort

**Scripture Reading:  
Old Testament – New Testament**

Solo ..... Sister Sharon Garret

Reflections..... Family & Friends

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Reading of the Obituary

Solo..... Sister Sharon Garret

**Eulogy**

*Bishop Anthony Gilyard  
Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship, Elizabeth, NJ*

Recessional.....“Precious Lord”

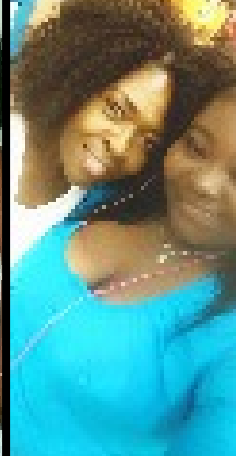
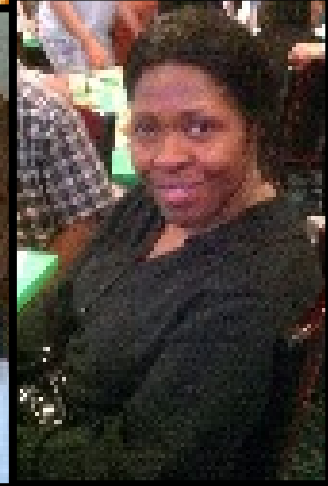
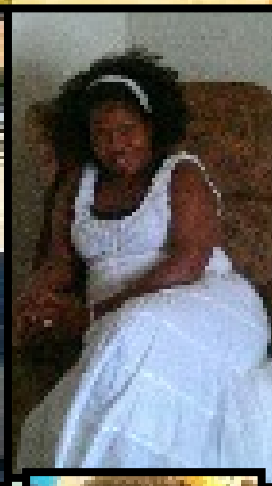
<p><b>Interment</b> Fairmount Cemetery 620 Central Avenue Newark, NJ 07107</p>
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**Repast**  
Bethlehem Judah Christian Fellowship  
83 Galloping Hill Road  
Elizabeth, NJ 07208

*\*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited  
for repast in the church fellowship hall*









# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*



*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.  
-author unknown*

## *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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