

In Loving Memory of

Rhoda "Bernetta" Jones



January 21, 1942 - September 20, 2016

Thursday, September 29, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

144 Norman Street

East Orange, New Jersey 07017

Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Sr., Officiating

Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Rhoda Jones was born on January 21, 1942, the only child to William and Ruth Cloyd.

Affectionately known as “Bernetta,” she was raised in the Bronx and baptized at the age of nine at St. Paul’s Church in New York City. Rhoda graduated from Dodge High School in 1960 and shortly after took a job as a statistician at Conde Nast Publications, where she worked for nearly 35 years.

In 1972, she married Nathaniel Jones and together they had two daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly. Rhoda was a strict but loving parent. She wasn’t going to baby you – but if you needed someone to listen, give good advice, and honest feedback – Rhoda Jones was who you went to. She’d always tell you what you needed to hear – not what you wanted to hear.

Rhoda loved sports – especially baseball and football. You couldn’t find a bigger Mets or Jets fan and she required complete silence while her games were on. She loved to go to the casinos and was as an avid bowler. In fact, her very first e-mail address was Rhodabowler@comcast.net.

Although she would rather spend time by herself than with a crowd of people, Rhoda knew how to celebrate. She would kick off her birthday festivities right after Christmas and was known to keep the party going through spring.

She was a quiet and private person, so you might be surprised to know that she used to watch and participate in the roller derby; she loved eating dessert before dinner – and in some cases, for dinner; and “Hot in Here” by Nelly was her favorite song. She loved black and white movies, plays, musicals and all the award shows about them. She would always say “I am going to pick the Oscar winners” and she would be right.

Rhoda leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Jennifer and Kimberly; grandchildren, Aneshia, Christopher and Kimaya; her mother, Ruth; two great grandchildren; a host of other family and friends, and joins her beloved granddaughter, Ashley in heaven.

Order of Service

Prelude.....Myron Smith
Processional.....Clergy and Family
Hymn of Comfort.....“Love Lifted Me”
Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Wade Hudson
Scripture Readings
 Old Testament - Psalm 23
 New Testament - John 14:1-6
Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap
Remarks.....Family and Friends
Acknowledgements and Resolutions
Obituary.....Kimberly Jones
Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy.....Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Sr.
Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

*Fairmount Cemetery
620 Central Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07107*

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends
are invited back for a repast in the church dining hall.*

To Say Goodbye

*To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Rhoda Bernetta Jones** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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