

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Beautiful Life*  
*Of*  
*Roberta Van Kline*



*"Give of her the fruit of her hands and her own works praise her in the gates and her children rise up and call her blessed."*  
*- Proverbs 28 & 31*

**Sunrise**  
May 3, 1931

**Sunset**  
October 28, 2016

Service  
Friday, November 4, 2016 ~ 11:30 am

**Shiloh Baptist Church**

95 Murray Street  
Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202

*Reverend Pastor William H. Ingram, Pastor*



# Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Brett Banks

Processional.....Family and Clergy

Call to Worship.....Rev. William H. Ingram

Invocation

Solo.....“I Am Holy”.....Brian & Brett Banks

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Solo.....“I Can Only Imagine”.....Shara Smith

Eulogy.....Rev. William H. Ingram

Closing Congregational Hymn.....“At the Cross”

Benediction.....Rev. William H. Ingram

Recessional

## **Interment**

Cloverleaf Memorial Cemetery  
Woodbridge, New Jersey

*Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to return to the Church for a Repast.*

*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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# Life Reflections

*Roberta Mary Van Kline* was born on May 3, 1931 in Youngstown, Ohio, daughter of the late Esco and Effie Mae Barden. When she was fifteen, her family relocated to Rahway, New Jersey.

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She met and married William Irvin Van Kline. The couple was blessed with twelve children whom she loved and nurtured until the Lord saw fit to take her home after a long illness. She was a Cancer survivor who never gave up.

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Roberta was a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church for more than 30 years where she sang in the Senior Choir. Her church family was saddened that her declining health prevented her from attending Shiloh under the leadership of Pastor William H. Ingram.

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She was also a member of the Rahway Senior Citizen program where she excelled in arts and crafts, painting and line dancing. Her artwork can be found throughout her home.

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Our mom had such a loving spirit and gentle way that those who met her began to call her "Mom." One of her grandchildren said she is the "Hippest Grandma ever." Mom enjoyed being pampered and getting her hair and nails done. Roberta had a wonderful sense of humor and loved to laugh. One of her favorite shows was "America's Funniest Videos" because she especially enjoyed animal videos. She loved her little dog "Coco" and her cat "Kitty" but most of all she loved her children and grandchildren unconditionally and instilled in us the importance of family.

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Roberta was predeceased by her husband, William Irvin Van Kline; two daughters: Donna Murray and Barbara Van Kline Shivers; son Donald; and sister, Florence York.

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She leaves behind to cherish fond memories, her children: Jacqueline Chapman, Tanya Gaskin, William Van Kline, Bobby Van Kline, Janet Van Kline, Zakiyyah Sandra Muhammad (Abdullah Lesure), Mark Ibrahim Van Kline (Jackie), Juanita Dickens (Kenny) and Lolita Williamson (Darin); 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. We all loved her dearly and did whatever we could to make her life easier and make her happy. She will be forever missed.

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Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

## Pallbearers

Bobby Nasheed Van Kline	Mark Ibrahim Van Kline
Devin Gaskin	Eddie Gaskin
Tyrell Van Kline	Andre Brown
Stevie Barden	Kevin Barden
William Gaskin	Kashon Glover

## 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 is 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 place at the close of day*

*If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembering joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes these things I to will miss*

*Be not burdened with time of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much  
Good friends' good times, a loved one's touch*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to 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!**

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Roberta Mary Van Kline** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this time of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

