



*Celebrating  
the Life  
Of*

*Laura Tunia*

**Sunrise: July 22, 1941 - Sunset: November 22, 2016**

**Service:**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016 - 11:00 am**

**CLEARVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH**

**314-320 Hobson Street • Newark, New Jersey**

## Obituary

**Laura Alice Tunia** passed away at her home in Newark, New Jersey on Tuesday, November 22nd at the age of 75 years old.

She was born on July 22, 1941 to the late Ethel Browne and Benjamin Linnen-Waites in Harlem, New York, where she was raised and attended school.

Laura earned her Associates Degree in Business Administration. Throughout her professional career, she held several accounting positions retiring in 2013 as the Accounting Comptroller of Robert Silman Associates, P.C.

Laura enjoyed traveling to A.C., hosting events with family and friends and spending time with her grandsons.

Laura was an active member of Clearview Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey for many years.

Laura was preceded by her brother A. Browne, husband of 26 years Reginald "JT" Tunia, ex-husband Tansy "Sonny" Hayes, daughter Tanya Harris and her Mose Loner "Jean" Walker.

Laura is survived by her son Kevin Hayes, daughter-in-law Natasha Hayes, son-in-law Ernest Harris, grandchildren Tevin and Kavon Hayes, Kianti Reynolds and Natasia Frazier, sister Rosita Waites-Major and brother-in-law Dwayne Major of Belmont, New York, Martha Waites of Avon, Massachusetts and brother Benjamin Waites, Jr and sister-in-law Ameer Hernandez-Waites of Deer Park, New York, nieces Jessica Carias of Brockton, Massachusetts, Torey Richards of Elizabeth, New Jersey, Dana Riddick of Queens Village, New York and nephews Brandon Campbell of Avon, Massachusetts and Drew Waites of Deer Park, New York; great niece Leilani Romain, great grandson TJ, sole surviving Aunt Iven from Stone Mountain, Georgia, cherished personal friend Walter McAllister, cousins, great cousins, friends, extended family and loved ones.

# Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Opening Hymn/Solo

Scripture Reading

Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection/Solo

Expressions of Condolences

Reflections from Friends & Family

The Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection/Solo

Message of Hope ..... Rev. Curtis W. Belle, Jr.

Recessional

**Internment**

Graceland Memorial Park  
1900 Galloping Hill Rd  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

**Repast**

American Legions  
3 Bond Drive, Union, NJ 07083

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## *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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