


*Celebrating the Life Of*  
*Ms. Darlene Atkins*

**Sunrise: June 17, 1960**

**Sunset: December 2, 2016**

A portrait of Ms. Darlene Atkins, a woman with short dark hair, wearing a black top and a long necklace. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft, light-colored wall. The portrait is framed by a decorative border of white and yellow roses and greenery.

**Friday, December 9, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.**

**CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

830 Lyons Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07111

*Rev. William Christian, Pastor*  
*Rev. Raynal Harris, Eulogist*

## Obsequies

**Darlene “Hasi” Atkins** was born at Elmer General Hospital in Elmer, NJ on June 17, 1960 to Callie Atkins and the late Willie James Williams. She was the first born of six children.

Darlene was educated in the Daretown public school system. She attended Upper Pitts Grove Middle School and Clayton High School. Following school, she began working at Church’s Chicken where she was a server and cashier. She later began bartending at the People’s Choice Lounge and Mercedes & Mink .

A few years following the miracle birth of her daughter, in the early 90’s, she relocated to Raleigh, North Carolina. She believed in taking care of her family and continued working at the Waffle House and Momma’s Kitchen. She remained in North Carolina until the North was calling her home. She returned to NJ in 2003.

Darlene loved eating and laughing with siblings and family. She attended Morning Star Baptist Church in Woodstown, NJ. Darlene loved to sing and always swore she was a Supreme. Her family was her life, they were both her family & friends.

Darlene departed this life on December 2, 2016. She was preceded in death by her father, Willie James; grandparents, Gertrude & Thomas Atkins who helped raise her, two aunts and five uncles.

Darlene leaves to cherish her memory her only daughter, Mecca Atkins; three grandchildren, Janiya Atkins, Jhanae Watson and Jayden Clark; her mom, Callie Atkins; her siblings, Darnel Atkins (Edison, NJ), Eric Atkins, Betty Atkins-Carter (Edward) and Maurice Atkins all of Newark, NJ, and Carla Atkins (Eugene) of Willingboro, NJ; uncles, Delroy Atkins (Harriett) of East Orange, NJ, William Atkins of Grovetown, GA, Samuel Atkins of Clayton, NJ and Edward Atkins of Hamilton; aunts, Emma Turner of Princeton, NJ and Ann Atkins of Hillside, NJ; her second mom, Pearl Hector and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Pastor John White, Officiating**

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Reading of the Word

Old Testament – Psalm 23

New Testament – John 14:1-2

Poem ..... The Family

Reflections ..... William Atkins

Selection

Obituary, Cards, Resolution ..... Edward Atkins

Eulogy ..... Reverend Raynal Harris

Final Viewing

Recessional

**Private Interment**

*Repast*  
*Prince Hall Masonic Lodge*  
*188 Irvine Turner Blvd.*  
*Newark, NJ 07112*



## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid for me  
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.*

### *Thank You to All*

*The family of **Darlene Atkins** wishes to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.*

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