



*Homegoing Celebration for  
Valerie Pessoms*

**Sunrise**  
**December 16, 1958**

**Sunset**  
**December 15, 2016**

*Service*

**Thursday, December 22, 2016 - 12:00 Noon**

**Christian Love Baptist Church**

*830 Lyons Avenue*

*Irvington, New Jersey 07111*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Valerie J Sessoms** born on December 16, 1958 in Newark, NJ daughter of the late Thomas Major & Roberta Sessoms.

Valerie attended the Newark Public School System where she graduated from South Side high School (BKA Malcolm X Shabazz) in 1976. After high school Valerie moved to Cleveland Ohio to attend Wilberforce University, where she graduated with a bachelor degree in Education. Valerie moved back home to work for the Newark Probation Department Office in Newark, NJ.

Valerie had a personable way of expressing her thoughts and views to get her points across. Her favorite dish to cook was fried fish, which she made every Christmas Eve. If you had one of her fish sandwiches then you were considered part of the family. Valerie was blessed with two sons whom she adored and wanted only the best for them. She depended on the help of her little sister Dawn to help raise her children & believed that it took a village to raise children. Dawn did a great job with assisting her big sister Valerie. Valerie loved attending the many flea markets through NJ with her late mother and late grandmother Rubie. They loved to find great bargains, especially the sterling silver bracelets the family is known for wearing. Valerie was a fun loving person and loved her family and they were everything to her.

Valerie took her last breath on December 15 one day before her 58th birthday.

She is preceded in death by her late grandmother Rubie Sessoms and her niece Valerie L. Major.

Valerie leaves to cherish her memory her two sons Devon G. Sessoms & his wife Nisha, Brandon L. Sessoms. Two grandchildren Aamiyyah Sessoms and Navon Sessoms. Sisters Rhoda Bell of AL; Doreen Major of NJ; Sherry Fortune of NJ, Dawn Sessoms Graves of NJ; Sakinah Walker of NC; Jethica Johnson of NJ; and one brother Jeffrey Johnson of NJ; four step grandchildren Tahaaj & Le'joi Smith, Qu'mari Jones, Ta'koi LaCour, Nieces Aleisha Major, Nikki Evans, Zwale Johnson, nephews Robert Al Major, Taji and Tyre Graves, Izaiah March, great nephews Quamir Major and Keith Foster, great nieces Doreen G. Major, Aliyah Major, Kadirah Dortch. God-sister Rose Lee Issaka (husband Emmanuel M. Issaka), Favorite cousin April Houston-Johnson, Best Friend/Sister Jacqueline Glover and a host of family and friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Opening Hymn**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements/Remarks**

**Reading of the Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Final Viewing**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song  
The good life I lived while I was strong  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes were together again*

*-Author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, telephone calls and other acts of thoughtfulness will be greatly remembered. We pray that blessings will continuously be bestowed upon you.



## **James H. Robinson Funeral Home**

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