

*Celebrating The Life*  
*Of*  
*Phyllis Marie Fowlkes*

*Sunrise*  
*October 16, 1932*

*Sunset*  
*December 26, 2016*



*Wednesday, January 4, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Woody “Home For Services”**

163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

**Rev. James A. Johnson Sr., Officiating**

**Myron Smith, Organist**

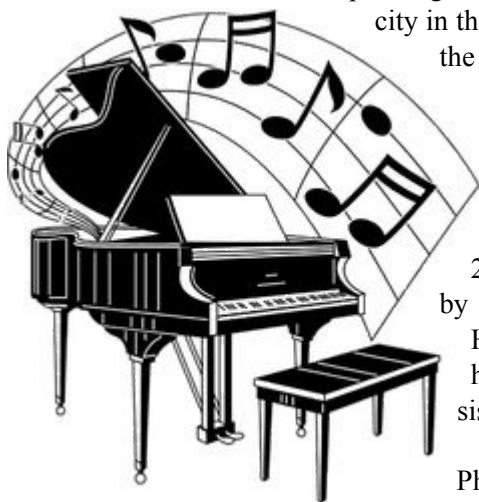
## Obituary

**Phyllis Marie (Harris) Fowlkes**, the daughter of Robert & Coralean Harris, the older sister of Robert Alvin Harris Jr was born on October 16, 1932 in Newark, New Jersey. She grew up in Newark, New Jersey and attended the Newark public school system.

After attending South Side High School, Phyllis attended a year of Gilmont Organ School in New York. Phyllis worked as a secretary at Seton Hall University's School of Nursing and as an executive secretary at East Orange General Hospital.

Phyllis met Melvin Fowlkes at a New Year's Eve party in 1949. They married on October 19, 1952. They have been together ever since. She was blessed with two children, Michael Fowlkes and Lynette (Fowlkes) Ingram.

She performed as an organist at churches in the Oranges and Newark areas. She enjoyed spending time with her family, playing the piano and oil painting. She loved to travel, but her favorite city in the world was Paris, which she had the opportunity to visit twice.



Phyllis was a long standing member of Mount Zion Baptist Church until relocating to Somers Point, New Jersey in 2007. She was preceded in death by her parents; Robert & Coralean Harris, her sister; Lorraine Harris, her brother; Leon Harris and her sister; Barbara Jean Harris-Morgan.

Phyllis leaves to cherish her memory: her husband; Melvin, and two children: son; Michael, and his wife; Sharon, daughter; Lynette, her brother; Robert and his wife; Judith, 6 grandchildren: Sharonda (Fowlkes) Webb, India Lee, Phillip Matthew Fowlkes, Jerome Ingram Jr., Ashley Ingram and Christopher Fowlkes; 6 great-grand children, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends, who will always cherish her memory.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

Seating of the Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort.....David Wortham

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Solo.....“Precious Lord”

Poem Reading.....Ashley Ingram

Remarks.....Family & Friends (two minutes please)

Acknowledgements, Resolutions & Obituary.....Sharon Fowlkes

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. James A. Johnson Sr.

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery

Orange, New Jersey

## **Repast**

Immediately following the interment, family and friends  
are invited to the repast at

Elmwood United Presbyterian Church

135 Elmwood Ave

East Orange, NJ 07018

## *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 it 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 peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up 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 heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Phyllis Marie Fowlkes acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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