

*Celebration of Life
For*



Yolanda Dancy

February 7, 1950 - January 17, 2017

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing.

~ 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Sissy

*Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Eleven o'clock in the morning*

Metropolitan Baptist Church

149 Springfield Ave. • Newark, NJ
Rev. Bernard Wilks, Officiating



Obituary

“WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL
SERVANT...ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD.”
MATTHEW 25:21

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017, the Lord sent an angel who took our beloved **Yolanda Dancy** by the hand and brought her home to be with the Author and Finisher of her journey: The Lord.

Yolanda was the second oldest of nine children born to the late Robert Alonzo Dantzler and Sylvia Counts Dantzler. **Yolanda** was predeceased by one sister, Barbara Dantzler. She was born February 7, 1950, in Newark, New Jersey. As a toddler her older sister Norma could not say the word sister and instead would always call her Sissy, which became **Yolanda's** lifelong nickname.

Yolanda was educated in the Newark, New Jersey school system graduating from Barringer High School in 1968.

In 1969, while working at the Federally Assisted Code Enforcement Program **Yolanda** would meet her prince charming, Joshua Dancy. On September 18, 1971 **Yolanda** was united in Holy Matrimony to Joshua also from Newark, New Jersey, from this union three children were born; Joy, Jason and Jaime. Sissy would earn her second nickname from her husband Josh, “**Yo**”.

As a young mother, **Yolanda** was very active in the Park Avenue Elementary School's PTA, earning the prestigious title of PTA President. She was known for making elaborate birthday cakes for her children and the best smothered pork chops in the world. The entire family craved **Yolanda's** yeast rolls. In her later years she learned how to crochet and she made the most beautiful afghan which was with her in the hospital.

Yolanda received the Lord, Jesus Christ and was baptized at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, where she was a Pastoral Aide as well as a member of the Mass and Inspirational Choirs.

While raising her family **Yolanda** worked with the Orange Public School System and later at the E.E.O.C., retiring in 2003.

Yolanda's hobbies included; reading, word puzzles, baking, gardening, sun bathing and dancing. Everyone who knew **Sissy** and Josh loved to watch them cut a rug on the dance floor with elegance and grace. Once they were both retired **Sissy** and Josh became avid travelers.

The home of **Sissy** and Josh held many family functions from baby and wedding showers, to family reunions and let's go to **Sissy's** house parties! **Sissy** was known for her quick, witty humor and frank answers.

Yolanda's memories shall live on in the lives of her family and friends. She leaves to cherish, a faithful and loving husband, Joshua; devoted children; Joy Thompson (Gregory), Jason Dancy (Nivethiny), Jaime Hudson (Sean); four cherished granddaughters: Emerald, Savannah, Shelby and Jayani; six siblings: Norma Gardner (Curtis), Brenda Dantzler-Mitchell (Terry), Grace Dantzler, Wanda Spencer (Willie), Robert Dantzler Jr., Doreen Hampton (Jeff), and Dawn Parreott (David); three aunts: Juanita Raimo, Rosebud Jones, and Yvonne Lowen; in-laws: Catherine Hepburn (Meridith), William Dancy (Eddie Mae), Louise Dancy and Charles Williams; also a host of nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Ministers, Officers, & Family

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Bernard Wilks

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Nefatiti Anderson

New Testament - John 14:1-3 Nefatiti Anderson

Selection Choir
Total Praise

Resolution & Acknowledgements Brenda Mitchell

Remarks Please limit your remarks to 3 minutes

Reflections of Life Darryl Lowen

Selection Rev. Larry Johnson
His Eye is on the Sparrow

Eulogy Rev. Bernard Wilks

Recessional

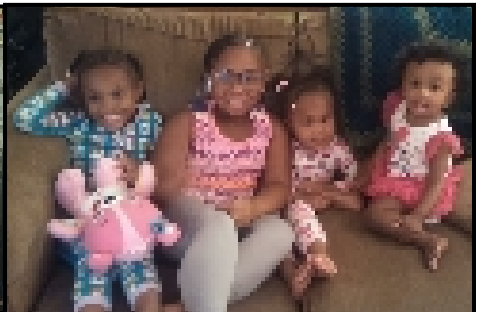
Interment

Rosedale Cemetery • Montclair, New Jersey

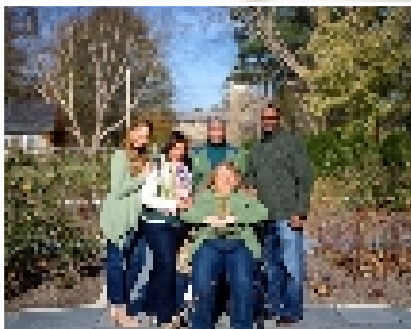
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Metropolitan Baptist Church Dining Area

149 Springfield Ave. Newark NJ 07103



Honorary Pallbearers
Son, Sons-In-Law & Nephews



We Only Wanted You

They say memories are golden well maybe that is true.
We never wanted memories, we only wanted you.
A million times we needed you, a million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place no one can ever fill.
If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane,
We'd walk the path to heaven to bring you back again.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Acknowledgement of Gratitude

Words of thanks seem so inadequate for all the kindness that has been bestowed upon our family. We thank you for the encouraging visits, the comforting calls, the lovely cards, the beautiful floral arrangements, and the sincere words of solace. May God bless you richly for blessing us.
The Dancy Family



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