

*Celebrating The Life  
Of*

*Hilda Johnson*

*Sunrise  
July 2, 1930*

*Sunset  
January 24, 2017*



*Monday, January 30, 2017- 11:00 a.m.*

**Providence Baptist Church**

15 Lincoln Avenue

Cliffwood, New Jersey 07721

**Reverend Doctor Pastor Amelda Lee, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Hilda Johnson** was born in Newark, NJ to the late Alma and William Curvin on July 2, 1930. She was called home January 24, 2017.

Hilda was predeceased by her husband of 47 years, Earl Leonard Johnson.

In youth, Hilda was baptized at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, where she attended for many years. Later she joined Providence Baptist Church, Cliffwood, NJ Pastor Reverend Dr. Amelda Lee. Her church experience brought much joy.

Growing up in Belleville, NJ, Hilda lived with her parents and eight siblings, William, Lee Dorothy Marion, Ermel, Robert, Jewel and Helen.

Hilda graduated from Belleville High School and later attended Essex County College taking Child Development Courses.

With local activists Hilda was involved in starting the first Newark pre-school, where she became employed for several years as a Teachers Aide. Hilda loved children. "Miss Hilda" was a second Mom to some of Patty and Buffy's friends as well as many neighborhood youth.

Some years later, among the first group of women to become Toll Collectors in Essex County, Hilda worked for 25 years and retired from the New Jersey Garden State Parkway.

In 1955 Hilda married Earl L. Johnson "Skeets." They made their home in Newark, NJ for almost 40 years and had two children, Patricia and Henry. Hilda and Skeets retired to Cliffwood, NJ.

Dedicated to Civil Rights, alongside her husband, Hilda volunteered on numerous community issues. They worked tirelessly on projects to elect Kenneth A. Gibson, the first African American Mayor of Newark. She participated in the "March on Washington" and remained interested in matters of racial equality until her death.

A feisty little lady with a big heart and a big smile her passion was she loved and was deeply devoted to her family. She praised God through many challenges and illnesses. God was her strength. She felt blessed to spend her final years surrounded by love, living with her niece and great grand niece in Pennsylvania and later with her daughter in Matawan, NJ.

Hilda is survived by her daughter, Patricia Johnson son Henry Johnson, brother William Curvin, sisters-in-law, Barbara Curvin and Patricia Curvin, sisters, Dorothy Spears, Ermel Parker and Helen Martin, nieces, Shirley Ann Lopez, Barbara Hart, Carol Branch, April Maxie, Jill Curvin, Toni Gail Curvin, Nicole Wygman, God daughter Debbie Ellis, nephews; Brian Parker, Timothy Gibson, Frank Curvin, and host of grand nieces, nephews, family and friends. Beloved Mother, Sister, Aunt, and Friend. She will be greatly missed.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... “Amazing Grace”

Opening Hymn ..... “Glory Glory Hallelujah”

Invocation ..... Reverend Doctor Betty Allison

Scripture Readings

Old Testament (Psalm 23) .....Ameerah Atwoods

Old Testament (Psalm 121) ..... Deacon

Selection ..... “Thank You Lord”

Prayer of Comfort ..... Minister Tyson Curry

Reflections ..... Barbara Hart & Deacon

Remarks, Resolution, Obituary ..... Clerk

Selection ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Reverend Doctor Pastor Amelda Lee

Recessional ..... Clergy and Family

*Repast following funeral service  
at Providence Baptist Church.*

## **Interment**

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey

# Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



## Acknowledgement

*The family of Hilda Johnson wishes to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the many kind acts and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to us during our time of bereavement, may God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

*Hilda loved her church and felt their love. A special thanks to Pastor Reverend Dr. Amelda Lee and the Providence Baptist Church Family for their continued love and support. And to all for their acts of kindness and prayers.*

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