

Celebrating The Life Of
Joan Whitley

Sunrise
June 28, 1933

Sunset
February 5, 2017



Wednesday, February 15, 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

Joan Whitley, 83 of East Orange, NJ, peacefully entered eternal rest on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at Clara Maass Medical Center. Joan was born on June 28, 1933, to the late Orrie and Elizabeth "Sue" Helms, in Newark, NJ. She graduated from South Side High School in 1951. In 1954, Joan married her companion, Bernard Whitley. Their union was blessed with three children, Donna, Keith, and Craig.

Joan worked for the Association of the Retarded Citizens (ARC) in Livingston, NJ for twenty-four years. While working for ARC, she also worked part-time for the Environmental Center in Roseland, NJ. After retiring from (ARC), she worked as a cashier at the Turtle Back Zoo.

Joan was a very kind and gentle soul; she had a loving and generous heart, and was always giving to others. On the weekends, she enjoyed going shopping and eating out. As long as she was out and about, she was content. Joan also had a passion for traveling with her husband, Bernard, until their health failed. Joan was known for her love of shoes, handbags, and oriental art.

Joan will truly be missed and leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Bernard; children, Donna, Keith (Bronzilla), and Craig (Linda). She also leaves her grandchildren, Alicia, Alex, Craig Jr., Vanessa, Joshua, Kathy, Taarna; great-granddaughter, Isabella "Issy". She will also be missed by her sister, Mildred; sister-in-law, Shirley; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith

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

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. James A. Johnson, Sr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Remarks.....Family and Friends(Please limit remarks 2 minutes)

Acknowledgements.....Aminea Gardner

Obituary.....Aminea Gardner

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. James A. Johnson, Sr.
Peaceful Zion Baptist Church • East Orange, New Jersey

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Cremation (Private)
*Rosedale Crematory
408 Orange Road
Montclair, New Jersey 07042*

Repast

*The family requests that you join them for a repast immediately following the service at the Disabled Veterans Community Center
612 Mill St. • Belleville, NJ 07109*

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 **Joan Whitley** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement, may God bless and keep you.

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