

**Celebrating The Life  
Of**

**Janet Louise Curry**

*Sunrise*  
**April 21, 1951**

*Sunset*  
**March 2, 2017**



***Saturday, March 11, 2017- 10:00 a.m.***

**New Hope Baptist Church**

144 Norman Street  
East Orange, New Jersey

***The Rev. Dwight D. Gill, Officiating***  
***Myron Smith, Organist***

# Obituary

**James 1:2-4**

***My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;  
Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.***

***But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.***

*Janet Louise Brown* was born on April 21, 1951 to the late Elroy Brown and to Evelyn Williams Brown in Charlottesville, Virginia and grew up in Faber, Virginia. Janet and her siblings were among the first students to integrate the Nelson County School District.

Janet developed a strong work ethic in the sizeable family gardens, where tasks included tending fruit trees and taking care of livestock. By the age of ten, and with the support of her stepmother, Ethelene Brown, Janet learned to cook meals for her large family on a wood-burning stove, from scratch. The oldest of six children, Janet cultivated a sense of responsibility in caring for others alongside her grandfather, Floyd, while her parents worked.

At Nelson County High School, Janet was a member of the school choir and Future Homemakers of America. She loved playing softball with her family and friends. Janet gave her life to the Lord as a child. She enjoyed singing in the Cedar Grove Baptist Church choir in Faber, Virginia. Summers as a teenager were spent working on a tobacco farm in Connecticut in order to save money for her school clothes and supplies. In her spare time, Janet loved to read.

After graduating from high school, Janet moved to East Orange, New Jersey to work in her Aunt Nell's dry cleaner. It was there that she met a patron, the late Robert William Curry of East Orange. Reverend Dr. Theodore Jenkins, Robert's uncle, married them on June 24, 1972 at Macedonia Christian Church in Vauxhall, New Jersey. To this union, six children were born: Kevin Robert, Kimberly Apryl, Robyn Denise, Michael David, Mark Jason, and Hillary Danielle.

After many years as a dedicated homemaker, ensuring her children had the best start in life, Janet re-entered the workforce as a paraprofessional in the East Orange School District, once Hillary was a first-grader. Already an active PTA member, Janet established meaningful relationships with students, teachers, and administrators, for more than fifteen years as part of the staff at Dionne Warwick Institute (Lincoln), Whitney Houston Elementary School (Franklin), and George Washington Carver (Columbian) Elementary School. Janet's love for children shined brightly on everyone, including the many friends of her children. Affectionately known as "Mom Curry," Janet was recognized by many as a community mother for her sweet spirit and generosity.

Janet faithfully served New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange, New Jersey through many ministries over the years, including the Deaconess Board, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Hospitality Committee, Food Pantry, and many more. As the wife of a Reverend, Janet served others while working closely with her husband. She loved people and did all that she could to encourage those around her with a homemade baked good, a prayer, a smile, a hug, a greeting card, or a phone call. She always put the needs of others ahead of her own. Janet's strong relationship with the Lord allowed her to lovingly serve others all of her life.

Janet is survived by her children, Kevin, Kimberly, Robyn, Michael, Mark, and Hillary; daughters-in law, Shondece and Alesha; son-in-law, Dwayne Sr.; granddaughters, Kennedy, Indigo, Nora, Madison, and Allison; grandson, Dwayne Jr.; mother, Evelyn Williams; stepmother, Ethelene Brown; sisters, Jacqueline Brackett and Deborah Jones; brothers, Leroy Robinson, Daniel Robinson, and Nathaniel Brown; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and dearly loved church family. Janet was predeceased by her father, Elroy Brown, and her husband, Robert William Curry.

# Order of Service

*Prelude*

*The Processional*

*Musical Selection*....."Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

*Prayer of Comfort*.....*The Reverend Dr. Theodore Jenkins*

*Reading of Scriptures*

*Old Testament - Proverbs 31:10-31*.....*Minister Deborah Jones*

*New Testament - St. John 14:1-20*.....*Minister Nathan Brown*

*Musical Selection*....."Blessed Assurance"

*Acknowledgements/Remarks*.....*Three Minutes, Please*

*Reading of Obituary*.....*The Reverend Greg Davis*

*Musical Selection*....."We'll Understand It Better By and By"

*Eulogy*.....*The Reverend Dwight D. Gill, Pastor*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*....."I'll Fly Away"

**Interment**  
*Rosedale Cemetery*  
*Orange, New Jersey*

## **Repast**

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited back to the church for the repast*

## The Christian's "Good-Night"

*Sleep on, beloved, sleep, and take thy rest;  
Lay down thy head upon the Saviour's breast;  
We love thee well, but Jesus loves thee best –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep,  
But thou shalt wake no more to toil and weep;  
Thine is a perfect rest, secure and deep –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Until the shadows from this earth are cast;  
Until He gathers in His sheaves at last;  
Until the twilight gloom be overpast –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Until the Easter glory lights the skies  
Until the dead in Jesus shall arise,  
And He shall come, but not in lowly guise –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Until made beautiful by Love Divine,  
Thou, in the likeness of thy Lord shalt shine,  
And He shall bring that golden crown of thine –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Only "Good-night," beloved – not "Farewell"  
A little while, and all His saints shall dwell  
In hallowed union, indivisible –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

*Until we meet again before His throne,  
Clothed in the spotless robe He gives His own;  
Until we know even as we are known –  
Good-night! Good-night! Good-night!*

Sarah Douady

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Janet Louise Curry** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of loving sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended. Thank you and May God richly bless you.

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