



*In Loving Memory of*

*Esther Banks*

*Sunrise: December 23, 1962*

*Sunset: March 27, 2017*

Service

Friday, April 14, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.

**KELLY TEMPLE COGIC**

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## Obituary

**Esther Banks** was born on December 23, 1962 to the late Herbert and Bernice Banks in Harlem, New York. She was the sixth of eight children. Esther attended public schools from elementary to high school. As a young girl she gave birth to her son, Anthony Jones who was her life's love and motivation.

Esther had a passion for crunching numbers. She spent many years as a bank teller and a bookkeeper on Wall Street. She was a hard working mother, whom later on became an amazing grandmother to two beautiful girls, Jazmyn and Aaliyah Jones. Due to the loss of her older sisters, Millicent and Elizabeth, she also became the matriarch of the Banks' family as lovingly referred to by her nephew, Nikye Bee, for taking on the responsibility of raising her two sisters' children, Elvio, Daniel, Kristin, Chris and Jada.

Esther believed wholeheartedly in doing all things through Christ. She loved throwing birthday parties and celebrating life with her family and her church, Kelly Temple Church of God in Christ. She always said that Bishop Gaylord had a way of blessing the house like no other. She always encouraged everyone that came in her path of life to seek God with their heart and trust his will. She is survived by: her son, Anthony; two granddaughters; her younger sister, Nicole; her brothers, Herbert, Jr., Charlie - Elizabeth, Derrick and Arthur; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and her best friend, Ms. Phillis Shelton.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

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*Selection*

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*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Mt. Rest Cemetery  
Butler, New Jersey*

# Psalm 34:1-8

*I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.*

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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