

*Celebrating The Life of*  
*Johnnie Mae Hodges*

*Sunrise*  
*December 20, 1940*

*Sunset*  
*May 24, 2017*



*Friday, June 2, 2017 - 12:00 Noon*

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

**Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Officiating**

## *Reflections of Life*

**Johnnie Mae "Joannie" Hodges** was born December 20, 1940 in Shellman, GA to the late Hill Smith and Cieola (Johnson) Smith.

When Joannie first came to Paterson, she worked in a linen factory. She was later employed by the Marriott Corporation, the Bergen Pines Hospital Paramus. She spent the last 20 years of her work career at the Maple Glen Nursing Home Fair Lawn before retiring from nursing field.

She enjoyed all sports, however she was a star basketball player at the Monroe High School. Joannie's free time was spent gardening and traveling the world. She loved to laugh, and had a great sense of humor. Most of all she loved her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Hodges; her son, Datrell Hodges; 4 brothers, Harris Smith, Melvin Smith, William Smith, and Hill Smith, Jr.; 2 sisters, Doris Redmond and Ruth Taylor.

She leaves to cherish precious memories, her daughters, Maria Hodges and Rozia Hodges; one sister, Ruby Jean Brown; her grandchildren, Dashawn Mahone, Khalia Kearney, Nalik Hodges, Zawatti Hodges, Malayah Hodges, Everton Campbell, Blane Williams, Denice Hodges, and Kasmir Hodges; her great grandchildren, Bryson Suber and Nazayah Hodges; her significant other, Harley Cox; her sisters-in-law, Dorothy Carter, Lorine Sams and Ruby Hodges; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton

*St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ*

Recessional

## **Cremation**

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Paterson, New Jersey

Her gentle dark chocolate hands caress the spongy brown soil,  
Seeds nestle deep within its nest,  
pushing and reaching out towards the sun.  
Her hands molded their clay, tended to their needs and watched  
them to surface pushing past through harsh sun and weather.  
The garden blossoms and is peaked with joy and green,  
Bumble bees buzz and animals chatter  
and nestle against her firm body.  
Cuddled and coddled, pushed and prepped,  
The garden grows and thrives.  
Because of her, it flourishes and blooms.  
Because of her, it thrives and sprouts.  
Because of her, the legacy lives on.

Zawatti Hodges

### Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Johnnie Mae Hodges** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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