

*Celebration of the Life  
and Peaceful Homegoing  
of*

*Anna Ngawah Sherman*

*February 4, 1938 – May 18, 2017*



Friday, June 9, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY AND CHRIST CHURCH**

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# The Rite of Christian Burial

## For

Anna Ngawah Sherman

Friday, June 9, 2017

Organ Prelude .....*Philip Field, Organist*

Reception of Body *please stand to face the back of the church*

Opening Sentences

Hymn..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *see the insert*

Opening Prayer

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-3 .....*M. Sensee George-Sherman*

A Reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine: 21:2-7 ..... *Boymab D. Bartie*

Prayer of Comfort for the Family ..*Offered by the Rev. Elder Wanda Brown-Sirleaf, Senior Pastor,  
Gates of Heaven Mid-Day Prayer Chapel, South Orange Ave., Newark NJ*

Hymn.....“It Is Well with My Soul” *see the insert*

A Reading from the Gospel according to St. John: 11:21-27

Homily..... Rt. Rev. *Fr. Joseph A. Harmon*  
*Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church*

Apostles Creed *see the insert*

Prayers of the People *see the insert*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer)

Offertory Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness *see the insert*

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: Abide with me *see the insert*

Post Communion Prayer

Family Acknowledgments .....*S. Lao Sherman*

The Commendation: *please stand see the insert*

Closing Hymn.....“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Organ Postlude .....*Philip Field, Organist*

### **INTERMENT**

Gates of Heaven Cemetery  
East Hanover, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Anna Ngawah Sherman**, a professional nurse, was born in the city of Robertsport, Grand Cape Mount, Liberia, on February 4, 1938. Her parents the late Senator R. Fole Sherman and Famatta Jalaiba-Sherman predeceased her.

At the tender age of 10, Anna's mother passed away leaving her up bringing to her father who spared no effort in seeing to it that she developed into a responsible and productive person.

Knowing that education is the key to success, her father kept her in school at the Government Elementary School in Robert Sport. At the age of 12, Anna was admitted at the House of Bethany, an Episcopal Boarding School for Girls. There, she obtained her elementary school education. After elementary school, Anna enrolled at the St. John's Episcopal High School, from whence she graduated with honors.

During her high school studies, Anna excelled in chemistry and developed an interest in medical arts. Accordingly, after graduating from the Episcopal High School, her father took her to Monrovia and registered her at the TNIMA School of Nursing. There too, "Annamac" as she was affectionately called, completed her nursing studies with flying colors.

As a result of her academic performance at the TNIMA School of Nursing, Anna was employed at the then Government Hospital as a nurse and taught part time at the School of Nursing. Within a short period of time at the TNIMA as a practicing nurse her status was elevated to Assisting Director of Nursing.

At the hospital, Anna worked so tirelessly that some of her colleagues often referred to her as a workaholic. As a result of her performance, Anna earned a WHO Scholarship to study advanced nursing in the United States. Accordingly, she matriculated to the Boston University School of Nursing where she distinguished herself and earned a B.Sc. and MA degrees in Public Health Nursing.

Having completed her studies at Boston University, committed to serve her people, Anna returned to Liberia and resumed duty at the Government Hospital and the TNIMA.

Following a few years of hard and dedicated work at the Hospital and the nursing school in Monrovia, Anna received a World Health Organization appointment to serve in Zambia, East Africa. There, she worked with the organization's public health program and taught part time at the University of Zambia's Nursing School.

As a result of Anna's devotion to duty and performance in Zambia, even though she did not speak French, she was transferred to the WHO office in Dakar, Senegal. Anna registered at a language institute at the University of Dakar where she studied French. Within record time, she earned a certificate of completion and was speaking French.

After six years of service with the WHO Program in Senegal, Anna was employed by the government to serve as Director of Nursing at the Novotel Hotel in Dakar. There she worked tirelessly up to the time of her retirement. Having tired, Anna came to the United States where she settled peacefully in New Jersey and enjoyed her retirement up to the time of her demise.

God fearing and God loving, quiet, soft spoken, unassuming, kind, respectful and respectable, Anna was the kind of individual one would wish to meet. She was a devout Christian. She could recite Psalms 1 to 150 at ease. Where Anna could not help, she did not hurt. She has left us and gone to a place where there is no illness, no problems. A place where there is everlasting peace.

On the early afternoon of May 18, 2017, God whispered to Anna saying, your task on earth is ended, you have fought a good fight, you must now come home to rest. He then touched her hand, and she fell asleep, the everlasting sleep. May her soul rest in perfect Peace.

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# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.  
Author unknown*

## **Pallbearers:**

*Siafa Sherman Jr.*

*Vandious Lee Britt III*

*Fole Mitchell*

*Boymah Bartie*

*James Sherman*

*Winston David*

*Muir Smith*

## **Acknowledgement**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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