

*Home Going Celebration for*  
*Jean White*

*Sunrise*  
*August 11, 1932*

*Sunset*  
*June 15, 2017*



*Wednesday, June 21, 2017- 11:00 a.m.*  
**St. John's Community Baptist Church**  
1066 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07112  
*Pastor Phillip A. Gilmore, Officiating & Eulogist*

## Obituary

**Jean Patterson White** passed peacefully from labor to eternal rest on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at home after a long illness.

Jean was born on August 11, 1932 at City Hospital (now UMDNJ) in Newark, New Jersey. She was the second child of three born to the late Carrie and Andrew Patterson. At an early age, she received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and attended 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Presbyterian Church in the City of Newark.

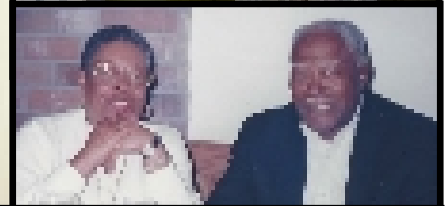
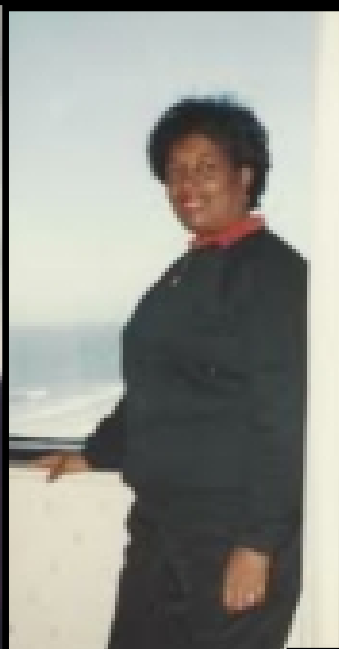
Jean was educated in the Newark school system and graduated from Essex County Vocational School with a certificate in beauty culture. After graduation, Jean was employed with Western Electric in Kearny, NJ, where she worked for more than thirty years until her retirement. Her passion toward education led her to Ashland School in East Orange where she worked as a Para-Professional Aide for Pre-Kindergarten handicap children. This passion, also led her to volunteer/work in the children's summer program at both Soverel Park in East Orange and Glenfield Park in Montclair.

Jean met and married Curtis D. Gilmore and from this union had two daughters, JoAnn and Gail. Later in life, she married Russell R. White, who was the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Orange, NJ. She was a very active member of Bethel Baptist Church where she served faithfully. Jean was active in Eagle Flight Squadron, the youth organization her husband founded. Jean worked diligently in Eagle Flight Squadron before becoming incapacitated by illness.

Family was essential and she valued them and the times spent together. Sunday brunches with the family consisted of loads of laughter and funny stories, my grandmother's biscuits and syrup, grits, and Virginia ham. Jean's favorite hobbies were traveling and shopping.

Jean, a devoted wife of forty-three years, was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Russell R. White; and sister, Juanita. Left to cherish fond memories are her devoted daughters, Jo Ann and Gail; beloved sister, Virginia Patterson; brother, Melvin Garrett (Albertha); granddaughter, Monique; great-granddaughter, Bailey; Aunt Annie Pearl Sellers; and a host of relatives and friends.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Beverlynn Jackson who cared for Jean for the last two years of her life along with the caregivers of Jewish Vocational Service, Right-at-Home, and Hospice of New Jersey staff; Arlene, Eva, and Frances to mention a few.

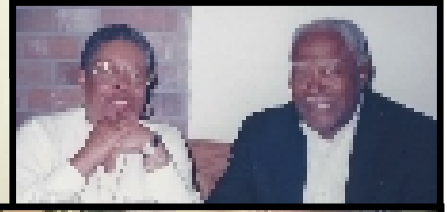
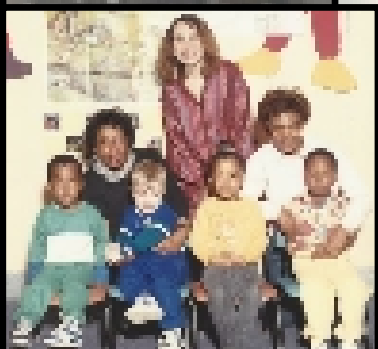
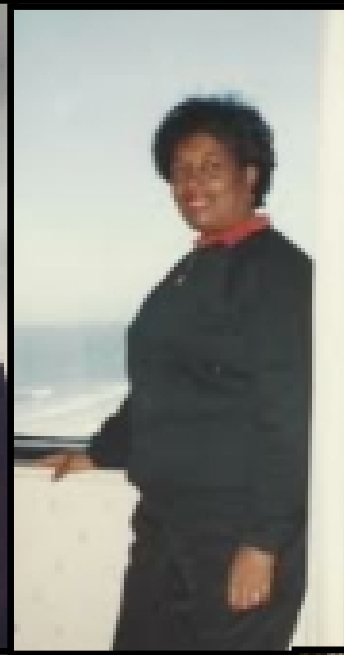


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# Order of Service

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| Organ Prelude.....                          | Terrell Steele   |
| Processional.....                           | Clergy and Family  |
| Opening Hymn.....                           | “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”                               |
| Scripture Readings                          |  |
| Old Testament - Isaiah 40:25-31.....        | Deacon Clifford Rogers   |
| New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:50-58..... | Geraldine Fields   |
| Prayer of Comfort.....                      | Rev. Johnnie D. Brooker<br>Pastor, Mt. Sinai Church, Dover, NJ |
| Reflections.....                            | Carol Clark<br>Gail L. Ponder                                  |
| Acknowledgements/Obituary Reading.....      | Pamela Watson  |
| Eulogy.....                                 | Pastor Phillip A. Gilmore                                      |
| Ministry in Song.....                       | Tyrone Dunlap  |
| Benediction.....                            | Pastor Phillip A. Gilmore                                      |
| Recessional.....                            | Clergy and Family  |

**Interment**  
*Glendale Cemetery*  
*28 Hoover Avenue*  
*Bloomfield, New Jersey 07003*

**Repast**

*Family and friends are invited to return to  
St. John's Community Baptist Church for fellowship following the interment.*

# Psalm 23



The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green  
pastures; He leadeth me beside the still  
waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth  
me in the path of righteousness for His  
name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no  
evil; for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy  
staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table  
before me in the presence of mine enemies.  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Pall Bearers

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Charles Rowe   | Brue Hewitt     |
| Curtis Gilmore | Altwan Thompson |
| Andre Cook     |                 |

## Acknowledgement

Jean,

How shall we remember her?

Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend.

Jean was a no-nonsense person in her relationships with family and friends. And because of this, they knew that she was totally dependable whenever needed, totally loving in a strong way, and firmly supportive in her unquestioning way when problems arose. She was a truly a wonderful person to have had in our lives.

The Family

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