

# *Celebration of Life*



## *Annie E. Hill*

*February 9, 1941 - September 24, 2017*

*Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.*

**NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
800-822 Flora Street • Elizabeth, NJ

*Rev. Kevin J. White, Senior Pastor*  
*Pastor Donald E. McCoy. Officiating*



Grandma

I thought you'd outlive us all! No, honestly, I really thought you would. I think we all thought that and maybe that's why the reality of you being gone so quickly is shocking. My heart jolted and I think it literally skipped a beat, but then I prayed because I know that's what you would've done. And after I prayed, I felt calm. Calm because a life like yours could never be forgotten and a love like yours will always be felt. You are the epitome of strength. I thank you for the sacrifices that you made for your children because I know that translated into the sacrifices that my mother made for me. Thank you for showing us all how to be strong independent women. We learned hard work from you, how to give a good hug, how to tell somebody off while pointing our index finger, how to have fun, and for all the things we learned, we are forever grateful. I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL! May your soul rest easy!

Forever and always

Amani

Today is the day that we hold you up high Grandma. All my life and I'm sure in others, you always held us to the most high. You always made sure we were good, no matter what we did. You yelled and maybe popped us upside the head (no matter what age we were), that's how we knew you meant business. We respected you to the fullest because we knew you played no games. All that tough or soft love you gave us made us all stronger in our own way. Some see it already, some ignore it and some are just too young so they have not felt it yet. But it's there in all of us. I thank you for showing me the strength of a woman, a black woman that raised her family to the BEST of her ability with no limits to what she would do for them. You were our angel in the flesh and now you are our guardian angel watching over us from above. We know you are watching to make sure all of your family are good. Love, Tariq

It's hard to believe that a woman full of life and spunk is gone from this earth. She was feisty but yet so loving, pure and selfless. The memories we share are countless, the meals she made on the fly, her bread pudding, her dancing that lasted the entire party, her spirit that filled the room, but most importantly the unconditional love she provided to my daughter. I'm almost sure she thought Nyla was hers! Nyla laughs like her, dances like her, talks like her! It's honestly a beautiful memory I have of her. She was one of a kind and I got the privilege of having her as my grandmother. Missing you is an understatement but I am happy to see you at peace. You will NEVER be forgotten.

Love, Tahira

I am sad that MaMa is gone. I'm going to miss play time, going out to eat and when we go shopping. MaMa was my best friend and I'm not going to see her in North Carolina for vacation. That's really sad.

I love you always

MaMa's baby, Nyla

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Worship Leader .....Rev. Kevin J. White, Sr. Pastor

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament .....Rev. Dr. Alice Kelly

New Testament .....Deacon Todd Ennis

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....“I Need Thee” Harold DeWayne Ennis

Tribute .....Amira Hill-Yancy

Reflections .....(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgments, Cards, and Condolences

Obituary Reading

Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Donald McCoy

Raleighs Cross Roads UMC

Greensboro, North Carolina

Benediction

Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*The family will receive family and friends at the church immediately following the interment.*

**Annie E. Ennis** entered this life on February 9, 1941 to the union of Hammon Ennis and Julia (Singleton) Ennis in Estill, S.C. Annie was called home to be with the Lord on September 24, 2017.

Annie was the second born and the only girl. She was affectionately known as Sister by her brothers, family and friends. She was educated in the Estill, S.C. Public School System. She accepted Christ at an early age and worshiped at Second Thankful Missionary Baptist Church, Nixville, SC.

Annie wed the late Rodell Hill, and from this union three children were born; Rodell Jerome, Judy and Brenda. Annie and her young family first migrated to Florida and subsequently to New Jersey to raise their family. She worshiped at Zion Holy Church in Newark, N.J. and most recently while in New Jersey at Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield, N.J.

Annie worked several jobs throughout her life including Haward Mfg (16 years) but, the most impactful was the dietary support she provided to residents at Woodbridge Developmental Center while being employed by the State of New Jersey. She enjoyed working there and made some very long lasting friendships.

At the end of 2014, Annie retired from the Woodbridge Developmental Center. She spent a lot of her time nurturing her great grandchildren. In May 2016, she moved to Greensboro, NC where her son resided. She attended the Greensboro Senior Citizen Center where she jumped right in with helping to serve and assist others. She looked forward to going on the various center excursions. Many of the members treasured her friendship and the kindness that she exhibited towards them. After visiting a few churches she found her home and fellowshiped at Raleighs Cross Roads United Methodist Church. She was welcomed by the

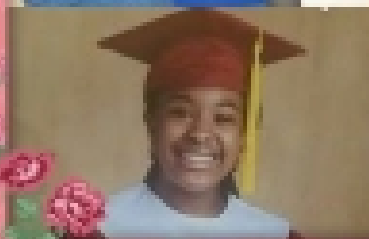
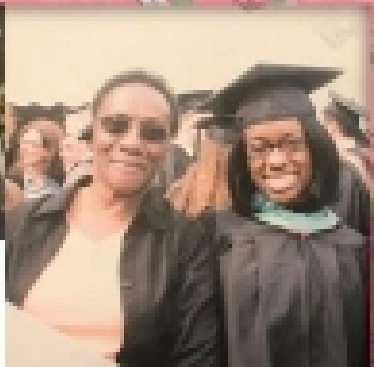
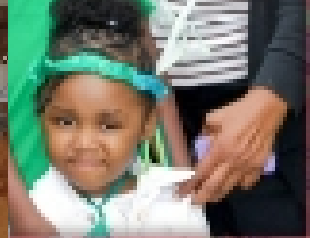
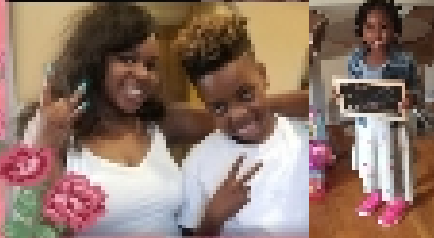
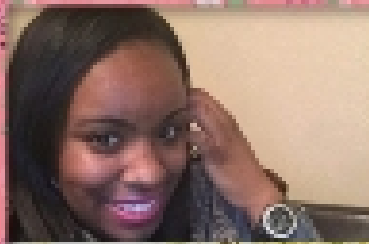
members and became active with OPAL (Older People with Active Lifestyles). She also attended the weekly bible study sessions.

Annie enjoyed the family gatherings and loved being with her children, grand and great grandchildren. She loved to laugh and was always the life of the party. If there was dancing, Annie would definitely be on the floor. Her family loved when she cooked for them and special requests included her bread pudding; some with and some without raisins. Annie loved to have her family all together. She loved her brothers and would talk to them often. She would make sure to always send them birthday cards and would tell them about it if they forgot hers. Never one for being idle, Annie enjoyed traveling, whether it was a road trip or cruise; she would be ready to go. Annie never missed a graduation or an opportunity to celebrate the successes of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her family was blessed to learn many valuable lessons from her. Annie's infectious spirit was felt by all who encountered her.

Annie was preceded in death by her parents, Hammon and Julia Ennis; her husband, Rodell Hill; and her beloved grandson, Ameer Hill, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her life, love, & laughter; her children -Rodell Jerome Hill (Raniss), North Carolina; Judy Ann and Brenda Louise, New Jersey; Ten grandchildren- Quwane, Amira, Tariq, Asia, LaTravia, Amani, Tahira, Meagan, Hykeem, & Laila; Eight great-grandchildren- Te'ahna, Ameer Jr, Sy'Terrious, Jhadarious, Na'Tasia, Nyla, Kylen, Madison & *Bella*; Three brothers – Harold Ennis (Mary), South Carolina, Herman Ennis (Marion), Georgia, and Johnny Ennis, South Carolina; a brother-in-law, Douglas Hills; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, & friends. Her earthly presence will be missed so dearly.

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# Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles when day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind,  
When the day is done.

## Acknowledgement

So often we want to express our gratitude and appreciation for what others have done for us during our time of sorrow, but we just do not have the words. We, the family would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of you; whether it was a call, text or voicemail; perhaps you sent a card, or said a prayer, your kindness and words of comfort was greatly appreciated.

Lovingly and respectfully submitted  
The Family

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