



In Loving Memory of
Christina Stevens

Sunrise:
August 17, 1962

Sunset:
August 7, 2022

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 - 11:00 AM

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Christina Stevens was born August 17, 1962 to the proud parents of Marjorie Braxton and James Stevens in Newark, New Jersey. Christina attended both Newark and East Orange School Systems. A graduate of East Orange High School she continued her education by going to and completing Dental School. She then enrolled in Essex County College where she obtained her Associates Degree in Accounting. With the skills Christina obtained, she went to work for blue cross blue shield health company. For the next thirty-three years of her life Christina worked For Blue Cross Blue Shield in Collections and Delinquent payment. Most notable Christina was asked to be a Shop Steward for Blue Cross Blue Shield Union. Christina was very instrumental in negotiating the best contract in 35 years of contract negotiations.

In life Christina was a vibrant, and energetic person, with the kind of smile that would light up a room. Her presence commanded respect and attention. She encouraged those she loved to climb to the highest level of their craft. She supported her loved ones' businesses and personal endeavors. Sweet Tea was her DJ stage name which she planned to do at retirement.

Christina is preceded in Glory by her father James Stevens, her mother Marjorie Braxton, her brothers Anthony, Lenwood, and Aaron Braxton, her sister Sheila Thomas, and her nephew Earl Webb. She leaves to cherish her Legacy her sister Evon Berry; brothers Gregory Hopson and Alvin Stevens; three sisters-in-law Paulette Braxton, Cathy Braxton, and Ida Hopson; two brothers-in-law John Berry and Robert Ling; a bonus son Frederick Hopson; a god sister Sameerah Grimsley; seven nephews, Derek Webb, Aaron Jr., Joseph and Tadjji Braxton, Gregory Jr., Frederick Hopson and Damon Hardaway; two nieces Stacia Douglas, and Haleema Brown; a host of great nephews, and nieces, great great nieces and nephews, extended family and friends all over the globe.

Order of Service

Music

Officiator: Min. Carolyn Baxter

Musical Selection

Psalms 23:1-6 NIV

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever

John 14:1-6 NIV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Prayer of Comfort- Elder Alfreda Clancy

Musical Selection

Obituary- Reading by Robyn Banks

Acknowledgements- Robyn Banks

Remarks: from Family and friends who may share their sentiments. Duration: 2min per person

Closing Scripture

Slide Show-

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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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