

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Essie M. Benjamin-Carter*

**Sunrise**  
October 28, 1934

**Sunset**  
October 8, 2022

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 - 12:00 pm**

**Mt. Calvary Baptist Church**  
99 Linden Ave., Jersey City, NJ 07304  
Pastor Steven A. Wilson Sr.  
Officiating Minister: Dr. Theresa Speaks  
Musician: Dr. Emory Lee

# *Obituary*

**Essie Benjamin Carter** was born on October 28, 1934, to the late Mr. Morris Haley and Ms. Ella Gay in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her early education was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and when she moved to Jersey City she attended Jersey City State. Essie married Ashley Benjamin and they raised four boys, Tyrone, Terrance, Timothy, and Travis Benjamin.

Essie worked at the United States Postal Service for several years as a mail handler. She later became a Senior Clerk Typist for the State of New Jersey. In 1991 Essie married Jefferey Carter they were together until his death in 2016.

Essie had a love for music, dancing, shopping, and having fun with her family (she was particularly fond of going to family gatherings in Connecticut). Essie loved her sons. She was a protector, and provider, and would go above and beyond for them.

Essie is preceded in death by her parents, Morris Haley and Ella Gay; husband, Jeffery Carter; 2 sons, Terrance Benjamin & Timothy Benjamin; 3 grandchildren, Jarvis Bradford, Terrance Sumter, and Amin Sumter; 7 brothers & sisters, Janie Benjamin, Raymond Herbert, Virginia Stuart, Marion Fitts, Patricia Hawkins, Jeanette Forman, and Bessie Henry.

Essie leaves to cherish in her memory her sons, Tyrone Benjamin (Sharon) and Travis Benjamin, grandchildren, Sade Sumter, Omar Sumter, Isa Sumter, Qawdaysha Sumter, Michael Bradford, Maurice Bradford, Jamal Bradford, Tyrone Bradford, and Shalonda Santos, special niece Annette Reed and loving niece, Brenda Stembridge. Essie also leaves to cherish a host of great-grands and extended family.

# *Order of Service*

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Officiating: Pastor Steven A. Wilson Sr.

Processional.....The Family

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Reba Jenkins

Musical Selection..... Soloist, Tricia Newsome

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament (Psalm 34)

New Testament (John 14: 1-6)

Reflections..... Family and Friends (2 minutes please)

Obituary..... Warlene Walker

Musical Selection.....Emory Lee & Ricky Lee

Eulogy..... Apostle Teresa Speaks

Recessional

**Repast to follow at 3pm**  
Mary McLeod Bethune Center  
140 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

*Interment*  
Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery  
Wrightstown, New Jersey

## *Our Mother*

You can only have one mother  
Patient, kind and true;  
No other friend in all the world,  
Will be the same to you.  
When other friends forsake you,  
To mother you will return,  
For all her loving kindness,  
She ask nothing in return.  
As we look upon her picture,  
Sweet memories we recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Sweet Jesus, take this message,  
To our dear mother up above;  
Tell her how we miss her,  
And give her all our love.

## *Acknowledgements*

*Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.  
The family of Essie Benjamin Carter*

*Garrett*  
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