

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

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Celebrating the Life of

Cassandra Linda Smalls Nicholson

Sunrise

Sunset

Service

Monday, November 21, 2022 - 11:00 AM

**JEHOVAH -JIREH
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505 South 15th Street • Newark, New
Jersey

Bishop Rudy V. Carlton, Senior Pastor

*Officiant- Bishop Wynell Freeman
Preached Word- Archbishop Ralph
Dennis*



The Day God Took You Home

A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love alone Could have saved you
You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly;
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a space,
Where no one can ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
Part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.



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Officiant, Bishop Wynell Freeman
 Fresh Word Kingdom Assemblies / Alignment With Purpose Fellowship

Processional

Congregational Hymn..... "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"

Prayer of ComfortBishop Wynell Freeman

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:18, 19Pastor Earl Cross

New Testament

St. John 14:1-6Apostle Gwendolyn Lester-Carson

Selection..... Tiffany Morrast

Eulogistic Remarks(2 Minutes)

Clergy: Rev. Dr. Nicole Simpson, Pastor Michelle Bazin.

Family Representatives: Rev. Bevelena Davis, Lorraine Middleton.

Friends Representative: Prophetess Dr. Sherron Carrion, Kimberly Shamberger, Elder Celestine Boatright.

Community Representative: Rev. Louise Scott Rountree.

Extended Family: Tasha Dingle; Pastor Walter Johnson; Jorina Slocum.

Cards & Acknowledgements

Obituary Elder Evelyn Armstrong

SelectionBrother Alonzo Dingle

The Preached Word - Archbishop Ralph L. Dennis
 Kingdom Fellowship Covenant Ministries- Baltimore, MD

Recessional

Interment

Hollywood Cemetery, Union, New Jersey

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The Beginning of a Life

Cassandra Linda Smalls Nicholson was born on March 15, 1967, in Newark, New Jersey to the late Herbert J. Smalls, Sr. and Frances (McCray) Smalls. She was the oldest of three children. As a young child, Cassandra was always looking for ways to challenge herself; so much so, that she started Kindergarten at the age of 4. Cassandra continued to do well in her studies, being on the honor roll through her high school graduation from Benedictine Academy, in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland at College Park and earned her (MPA) Masters of Public Administration from Rutgers University.

A Life of Service

Cassandra started her career with the County of Essex in a temporary position at the Tenant Resource Center. After completing her initial assignment, she was hired as a Provisional Family Service Worker at the Division of Family Assistance & Benefits (DFAB), formerly the Division of Welfare. God blessed her with a permanent position at DFAB, where she flourished and received multiple promotions, ultimately resulting in her running her own office as an Administrative Supervisor of Family Services. She retired in April 2018, after 28 years of service. Cassandra enjoyed her time of employment at DFAB, recognizing it was not only an opportunity to serve the customers but also an opportunity to serve the staff. Her door was always open.

A Life Surrendered to God

Although there were seldom days people would see Cassandra without a smile, she too faced her share of life's challenges. Between enduring the loss of both parents in 1992 and taking on the responsibility of a household. This turmoil of the heart led her to the church with the intent to "tell off the saints". Nevertheless, the Lord had a different plan for Cassandra; the Pastor changed the order of worship and delivered the word. Cassandra previously stated that while she had followed her father down the aisle in the early 1980s, she truly gave her heart to Jesus on that day. Change swept through her life. Cassandra was joined in matrimony to William Christopher Nicholson on August 20, 2004. They enjoyed their time together until his passing on June 9, 2018. No area was off limits from God's touch and that's when she received the glow behind her smile and anointing not only to worship — but also to encourage.

A Yielded Life

Cassandra began her Seminary Studies at the Howard E. Anderson School of Divinity where she later preached her initial sermon. Several years later she was ordained at Unity Baptist Church where she served faithfully for many years, until she went forth to establish Nehemiah Ministries International, helping the community rebuild their lives one brick at a time. Cassandra then came under the leadership of Bishop Wynell Freeman and the Alignment with Purpose Fellowship. The Lord moved and blessed several ministries established or championed by Cassandra such as the Daughters of Zelophehad (Women's Ministry), Naomi Project (Widow's Ministry), Girl Code, Resurgence Ministries Liberia, Hope Foundation Liberia, Recovery House (providing supportive services for formerly incarcerated citizens) Board member, along with other feats such as authoring the Art of Being Found.

A Life Rewarded

Cassandra was remarkably intentional about how she spent her time and transitioned from labor to heavenly reward on Wednesday, November 9, 2022. Her memory will be cherished by her brother Herbert (Chosen-Sister, SHERAL); her sister Latarsha; Chosen-Sister Michelle (Richard) Barboza; her embraced daughter Tasha (Alonzo) Dingle.; a niece Brandi Smalls; two nephews Kaejon Smalls and Devin Brea; two uncles Franklin (Lorretta) McCray and Tyrone (Jerline) McCray; five aunts Carolyn Lester, Louana Evans, Barbara (Andrew) Hay, Lorraine Middleton, Bevelena Davis, and; six godchildren, Kirsten Barboza, Talik Ryan, Ryan Morgan Foster, Na'Sean Lee, Jo'Mire Lee, and Xavier Lee, along with a host of cousins, extended family, friends, and acquaintances.

Cassandra was remarkably intentional with how she spent her time, knowing the life you live is how you will be remembered.