



**Processional Hymn**  
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**Scripture**  
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**Choir Hymn**  
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**Invocation**  
  
**Choir Hymn**  
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**Scripture**  
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**Choir Hymn**  
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**Evangelist At Large Joseph R. Turner**  
  
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**Chanetta Doretha Mason** was born on July 14, 1950 at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, New York to her proud parents, the late St. Rachel Mason and Brother Johnny Lawhorne.

Chanetta's roots were firmly planted in the Lester Patterson Houses of the South Bronx. Her early years were shaped by the echoes of her mother the late St. Rachel Mason who ingrained spiritual melodies which set the stage for a life filled with music and devotion. The Sabbath, a day of worship, a day of singing, and biblical lessons, became a cornerstone of Chanetta's spiritual foundation.

Chanetta was educated at P.S. 31, Elijah D. Clark Junior High School, and Benjamin Franklin High School.

Chanetta cultivated lifelong friendships, setting the stage for a journey of resilience and determination.

In her early youth at the tabernacle located at 590 Gates Ave. in Brooklyn, NY, her spiritual home, Chanetta's melodious journey began under the pastoralship of Evangelist At Large N.B. Nelson. Her musical talents blossomed as she joined a singing group called The Bells of Harmony under the direction of St. Geneva Reddick. Alongside peers St. Diane Bailey, St. Marcella Cherry, St. Joanne Marshall, and the late St. Magdalene Nelson. This singing group traveled to various tabernacles. Leaving a harmonious trail in their wake. Her love for singing continued to flourish, leading her to perform at weddings, funerals, and religious services throughout New York City. As a choir member and performer, she earned the title "Queen of Sheba" from Evangelist Farrar, for her sweet voice and harmonious tones inspiring others.

In her teenage years, she was introduced to Clifford Berkley who was her classmate and resident of the Patterson Houses. They developed a strong attachment to each other which was one of the best times of Chanetta's life. From their relationship came two children, Adrian and Keith Mason. Not long after, God called Cliff home early, leaving Chanetta and their children to survive him. Although Cliff departed early, Chanetta's determination led her back to school.

Chanetta returned to school enrolling in Mobicentrix, one of the city's top vocational schools in the Bronx, studying Business Management and Stenography. With family support and unwavering self-determination, she excelled academically and completed the vocational training and job placement program, earning a Vocational Diploma in Business Management. Her journey into the professional realm commenced as she embarked on a successful 37-year career in banking.

Her career spanned the evolution of New York's financial landscape. Starting as an Executive Secretary in Mid-Manhattan, she navigated through mergers with

Bankers Trust and Chemical Bank, concluding her journey at Chase Bank. Her roles as an office manager and customer service representative reflected her love for helping people prepare for their future. Upon retirement, she received a Service Award for Dedication and Honorable Service, a testament to her unwavering commitment.

Beyond her professional achievements, Chanetta was deeply immersed in community service. As a sergeant at arms at the Lester Patterson Houses, she advocated for apartment repairs, showcasing her commitment to helping others. Her involvement in the Fountain Avenue Community Development Corporation (FACDC) included participation in Back-to-School Events, Turkey Giveaways, and Fundraising events spoke volumes about her community spirit.

Chanetta's harmonious melodies wove a tapestry of joy that inspired all who heard her, to rise, to prance and to join in song. In 1999, her cousin Dr. Caleb Medley, Jr., conceived the concept to form a Quartet calling it the Voices of Melody. She was the lead vocalist in her family ensemble that included cousins, Dr. Caleb Medley, Jr. and David Medley, and nephew, Peter Michael Hailey. In 2004, the group expanded to a Quintet with the addition of another cousin, Randell Pearson. This tight-knit musical family traveled together, gracing retirement parties, variety shows, and religious programs with their enchanting performances. Chanetta's signature song, "God Specializes" became the anthem of her journey. With each note, she poured her heart and soul into the melody, leaving an incredible mark on the hearts of those who listened.

Though Chanetta has left us, her memory will forever be etched in our hearts. She leaves a legacy of love, dedication and a bright smile that will continue to inspire those fortunate enough to know her. Chanetta's journey may have ended, but her spirit will live on through the love she shared with all of us.



Chanetta leaves to cherish her memory: her fiancé, Robert Tolson; children, Adrian and Keith Mason; sister, Rebecca Hailey; brothers, Gerald Mason, Sr. and Sammy Lee Lawhorne; grandchildren, Warren James, Ayanna Mason, Jaquan Hart, and Journee Mason; brother-in-law, Larry Berkley; godchildren, Peter M. Hailey and Tiffany Blackwell; and lifelong friends, Shirley Parker and Marilyn Marshall; alongside the memory of Betty Mitchell, who preceded her in death; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and community members.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

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