

## GRAVEL HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

525 Clinton Avenue Newark, New Jersey

# <u>Reflections of Life</u>

**Barbara Sue Johnson**, 69, of Newark, New Jersey, passed away on January 9th, 2010 at her home, surrounded by family.

She was born Barbara Sue Chambers on December 22, 1940 in Newark, NJ, the daughter of the late Daniel Chambers and Lillie Tyson Chambers. She was the second oldest of nine siblings, seven of who have preceded her in rest and one surviving brother, Daniel Chambers.

She attended the Newark school System. Barbara later married, Robert Olin Strigler to this union five children were born. Later she received her Sociology of Science Degree at Essex County College. She was employed for the Newark Board of Education for many years before realizing that her life was destined for a commitment of helping people. She opened her home and cared for mentally challenged adults and foster children who were socially maladjusted. She cared for children many times with little or no pay, but continued to love them as her own. She was a longstanding member of Second Baptist Church in Belleville, NJ, before relocating to Perry, Florida where she continued her education and received acknowledgement for her diligent work as a child care provider. Soon after, Barbara reestablished her career as an awarded and much respected child care facilitator, receiving honors and recognition for the work that she loved wholeheartedly. She unconditionally devoted most of her time to the needs of children and people who needed her. After several years dedication to her community, she relocated to Savannah, GA as a retired school teacher, where she resided with her husband, Augustus Johnson and then again, returned to work as a primary school teacher in the Savannah district.

After her diagnosis, she continued to work and receive treatment for her illness. She returned to New Jersey where she received extensive medical care for the treatment of her cancer. A woman of strong faith and spiritually guided, led her to Gravel Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she joined to be spiritually nourished and came to love the church and its members.

Left to cherish her memory are: her husband, Augustus Johnson of Savannah, GA; five children, Robbie, Kevin, Trevor, Shanda and Kiysha Strigler; brother, Daniel Chambers; eleven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-12 New Testament - 2nd Corinthians 5:1-10

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks & Reflections (2 minutes each please)

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Solo

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Closing Prayer



# Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an after glow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing
times and bright and
summer days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun, Of happy memories that I leave When life is done.



### <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family of **Barbara Johnson** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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