

*In Loving Memory of*



# *Gwendolyn Townsend*

*Sunrise*  
*March 7, 1949*

*Sunset*  
*July 7, 2010*

*Services*

*Monday, July 12, 2010 - 12:00 Noon*

**PERRY FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**

34 Mercer Street  
Newark, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Gwendolyn Townsend** (known as “Gwen”) was born on March 7, 1949 to the late Luther Calvin Townsend and Alice Harrington Townsend of Nash County, North Carolina. She was called to rest on Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

A resident of Newark, NJ for more than twenty-five years. Gwen was anything but ordinary, she was extraordinary and had an uncanny ability to sense when others were in need. She often gave her time to service those in the community, especially children. Gwen loved kids and spent her days as a food service provider throughout various schools of the Newark community.

Gwen was a dedicated and loving mother. She had a lively personality and enjoyed entertaining those closest to her. To everyone she encountered, Gwen was reliable and a quality friend.

To celebrate her life Gwen leaves: one child, Shamika Monique Townsend of Oakland, CA; a godchild, Teshia Chantel Davis of Newark, NJ; her mother, Alice Townsend of Detroit, MI; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*Order of Service*

Prelude ..... Organist

Processional

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo ..... Beatrice Anderson

Acknowledgements  
& Obituary ..... Jacqueline Pearce

Reflections ..... Family & Friends

Solo ..... Latoshia Bryant

Eulogy

Violinist ..... Juliette Jones

Final Viewing

Recessional

**Final Disposition**  
*Evergreen Crematory  
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

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family of Gwendolyn Townsend wishes to give thanks with sincere appreciation for the many comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow.*

*May God bless and keep you all.*

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