In Loving Memory of

Deborah Ann Johnson

Sunrise January 23, 1964

Sunset October 14, 2010

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEWS A.M.E. CHURCH 336 Oakwood Ave. • Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Reginald T. Jackson, Officiating

<u>Obituary</u>



Deborah Ann Johnson was born on January 23, 1964 in Edenton, North Carolina to Willie and Velma Johnson. She departed this life suddenly on Thursday, October 14, 2010 in St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey.

Deborah was two years old when the family migrated to the north and resided in Newark, NJ. She attended Camden Street Elementary

School, Project Link and graduated in 1982 from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, NJ. She continued her education by attending Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

Deborah began her extended career with ATLT in 1985 which lasted over twenty-five years. In 1994 she became a devoted and loving mother to Janea Nicole who she shared with Robert Warren.



Besides spending time with her family and friends, Deborah enjoyed shopping, watching movies and attending family dinners on Sundays.



Deborah leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Janéa Nicole; her parents, Willie and Velma Johnson of Newark, NJ; one sister, Angela Johnson of Ewing, NJ; one brother, Willie Jr. of Newark, NJ; three nieces, Joy Johnson-Hawkins, R'Lani Glover and Ma 'kiyah Allen; her aunts, Miriam Walker (William) of Corapeake, NC, Ruby Skeeter of Portsmouth, VA, Phyllis Cross (Thomas) of Suffolk, VA, Teresa Aggrey-fynn and Sylvia Walker, both of Camden-Wyoming,

DE; her uncles, George Johnson (Sheila) of Irvington, NJ, Clifton Walker (Deborah) of Camden-Wyoming, DE, William Walker

and Billy Walker both of Suffolk, VA; along with a host of other relatives and friends.



She was preceded in death by her younger sister, Evangela Johnson, her maternal grandparents, Fannie Mae and Isaac Lynn Hare and her paternal grandparents, Gladys and Cleophus Walker.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional Clergy & Family

Hymn of Comfort "Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Comfort

Scriptures Old Testament - Psalm 90:1-12 New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Selection



Acknowledgement

The Obituary (Read As Music Plays)

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Eulogy Pastor Reginald T. Jackson

Recessional Clergy & Family



Repast immediately following interment at Garden State Grand Lodge, 883 Sanford Ave. • Irvington, NJ 07111







Dear Mommy,

Over the past sixteen years you have grown to be more than just my mom, but a best friend, too. I wish that our time wasn't cut so short. But, I'm very thankful that God gave me a mother as amazing as you. You've always taught me to do everything with the best of my ability; and if it wasn't done right, you would definitely make me do it again. I now know that all the yelling and strictness has given me the initiative and independence, just like you. However, now that you're gone, I would like you to know that all the hard work you've put into raising me will not go to waste. I want to make you proud; therefore, I'm not going to let this stop me because I know you wouldn't be happy about that. I will continue to complete my senior year and ask that you watch over me as I cross the stage to get my diploma. Then, when I'm off to college, I ask that you share your strength and wisdom with me so that I'm able to succeed. You are truly my idol and I'm your number one fan. You've always told me that I'm your heart, your soul, your everything. And you are truly mine as well and you will always be. Although it was always just you and me, I can't be selfish and think that I'm the only one grieving. You've touched many people's hearts and there are plenty of people here who also feel as though they've lost a mother. You've never hesitated to open your door to my friends, offer an ear to listen, or even scold them if they were doing something you didn't like. You're very generous and always ready to lend a helping hand. I'm going to miss being able to come to you and ask for your help or advice. However, I know that God must have had a very good reason for taking you away from all of us. You were truly an angel on earth and no one will ever be able to take your place in any of our hearts. You are the most beautiful woman that I will ever know. I promise you that your legacy and grace will shine through me as I mature to be everything you've ever wished for. I know that right now you are smiling down on all of us. And I'm sure that you're proud of me getting up here and reading this letter, because you know how I am about funerals. But, I will do anything to make you happy. I can't explain everything that I will cherish and miss about you in a couple of sheets of paper. But, with all the talks we've had, I know you are aware of how much I love and appreciate you. I will miss you so much, But I'll keep my head up because I know this isn't goodbye, it's a see you later.

Eskimo kisses and lots of hugs ... XOXO Love always, Your baby, Janéa Nicole

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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