

In Loving Memory
of



Jessie Smith

Sunrise
December 26, 1936

Sunset
October 16, 2010

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.

COTTON PARKER FUNERAL HOME

37 Clinton Ave. • Jersey City, NJ 07304

Rev. Rebecca Garvin, Officiating

Obituary

*God saw the road was getting rough, the hills
Were hard to climb. He gently closed her loving
eyes and whispered "Peace Be Thine".*

*"To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven".
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

A Time to be Born... Jessie Mae Smith was born on December 26, 1936 in the Green Hall community of Edenton, North Carolina, to the late Jesse and Nevada Moye.

A Time to Depart... On Saturday, October 16, 2010 she departed this life at her home in Jersey City, New Jersey.

A Time to Grow... Jessie Mae received her education background from the Edenton High School in Edenton, North Carolina. Jessie Mae joined Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Edenton, NC, where she accepted Christ at an early age. She subsequently attended Salem Baptist Church in Jersey City, New Jersey. Jessie Mae was a key figure in her community. She co-founded the Madison Avenue Block Association (MABA) in 1984. She served as the secretary for the MABA in addition to later serving as the treasurer. Always willing to do more than her share to help others, she organized many block parties and neighborhood cleanup projects.

A Time to Love... Jessie Mae was joined in holy matrimony to Thaddeus Smith, of Jersey City, New Jersey, on June 24, 1961. To this union, one son, Gregory of Jersey City, New Jersey was born.

A Time to Work... In 1962, Jessie Mae was the first African American female to work as a teller with the Hudson City Savings Bank, in Jersey City, New Jersey. Later progressing to branch manager and retiring in 1999 as the Assistant Vice President of the bank.

A Time to Lead... Jessie Mae spent most of her life caring for others and providing guidance and other support for younger family members.

A Time to Mourn... Jessie Mae leaves to rejoice in the precious memory of her life: her husband, Thaddeus; son, Gregory; four sisters, Barbara Twine (Curtis), Edenton, NC, Ruth Hill (Harold), Raleigh, NC, Emma Lawrence (Jerry) and Maxine Moye, Edenton, NC; two brothers, Robert Moye (Gwen) and Joseph Moye (Patricia) Edenton, NC; one brother-in-law, Elight Johnson, Fayetteville, NC; one sister-in-law, Inez Jackson, Oakland, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Jessie was preceded in death by sisters, Catherine Johnson and Dorothy Drew.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo
Paula Lowe

Acknowledgements
& Reflections of Life

Remarks
(2 minutes each please)

Eulogy
Rev. Rebecca Garvin

Final Viewing

Recessional



Interment
Beaverhill Cemetery
Edenton, North Carolina

Psalm 23

*The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He
restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path
of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea,
though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou
art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they
comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies. Thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.*

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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