

*Home Going Service
In Blessed Memory of*

Wanda Vernita Bell

November 11, 1955 - October 26, 2010

Service

Wednesday, November 3, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Elmwood United Presbyterian Church

135 Elmwood Ave. • East Orange, New Jersey

Rev. Robert N. Burkins, Sr., Officiating

When I Am Gone

When I am gone,
remember I'm with Jesus
Then do not mourn
because I've passed away.

Life holds so many griefs and disappointments,

And will you cry because I did not stay?

'Tis only for a spell we must be parted;

Not many years on earth to us are given.

And when my Savior
tells me you are coming

I'll go with Him and
welcome you to heaven.

Grieve not because

the eyes that looked upon you

Shall never see your face on earth again;

Rejoice, because they look

upon the Savior

Who gave His life to ransom sinful men.

Weep not because I

walk no longer with you;

Remember, I am walking

the streets of gold.

Weep for yourselves

that you awhile must tarry

Before the blessed Lord you may behold.

Order of Service

Prelude	Organist
Processional	Clergy & Family
Hymn of Consolation ...	“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament - Psalm 23	Mark Jarrell
New Testament - St. John 14:1-6	Allen Ashby
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Marion Phillips III, Pastor Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Newark
Solo	“It’s So Hard To Say Goodbye” - Asmar Hemby
Reflections	Mary Ellen McGlynn, Manager of The Family Support Program - NJ Sharing Network Adelaide Weeks, Cousin
Resolution	Mt. Sinai Baptist church Deaconess Jean Johnson
Acknowledgement & Condolences	Bridgett Green
Obituary	Bridgett Green
Solo	“His Eye Is On The Sparrow” Jean James, Minister of Music
Eulogy	Pastor Robert N. Burkins, Sr.
Benediction	
Recessional	

INTERMENT
Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to the church for the repast.

Pall Bearers

• Allen Ashby	• Barney Bethea
• Corer Williams	• Mark Jarrell
• Ron Bethea	• Quaadir Johnson

The Obituary

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted: (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2)

Wanda Vernita Bell was born on November 11, 1955 to Chester A. and Claudia A. Bell in South Hill, Virginia. As an infant, she relocated with her parents to East Orange, New Jersey in 1956.

Wanda was reared in East Orange, received her education in the East Orange Public School system, and graduated from the former East Orange High School.

Having grown up in a Christian home, at an early age she confessed her faith in Jesus Christ, was baptized and joined the Mount Sinai Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend J.D. Renfro. Later, she joined the Elmwood United Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Pastor Robert N. Burkins, Sr. Wanda was also known for her savvy fashion sense and worked diligently as a Retail Associate for Macy's at the Short Hills Mall.

She was warm-hearted, loved to laugh, and had a larger-than-life personality. Wanda brought much joy to the family gatherings because she wanted everyone to be as happy as she was.

Suddenly in the afternoon on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, Wanda quietly moved from earthly labor at the Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, New Jersey to join her son, Andre Lama (Jo) Bell who preceded her in death over to glory land.

Wanda leaves to cherish her memory: one son, Shakir Bell; parents, Deacon Chester A. and Deaconess Claudia A. Bell, all of East Orange, New Jersey; four aunts, Iola (Peaches) Pulliam of Silver Spring, Maryland, Beulah Bell of Richmond, Virginia, Estelle Bell of South Hill, VA and Ruth Bell of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and a host of cousins, other relatives, close friends and a very special person, little Mark Andre (MJ) Jarrell.



Acknowledgements

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy to us in our time of sorrow. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, gifts of all kinds and expressions of kindness lifted our spirits and strengthened our faith in God. May an abundance of blessings of the Lord be with each of you.

*- The Family of **Wanda Vernita Bell** -*

Heaven Has Gained An Angel

As you complete this temporary journey
you have embraced our hearts

Yes we mourn but realize this is where
your life truly starts
your smile sparkled
greater than silver and gold

We're willing to let go
of your hand so that
God can grab hold .

We will always love you as you have
continued to love us all we ask now is
that you look down while you are above
us we are grateful that God put us in the
midst of your presence we
breathe with your memory
and walk with your essence.

The Lord is our Shepherd He tends to
us as sheep and mends the hearts
that are weak until one day
we can shake his hand
and sit at his feet we don't
think of you as a loss to our
family that remains

We cherish you as a beautiful angel
that heaven has gained!

-Author unknown

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