



*In Loving Memory of*  
***Estella Smith Rokes***

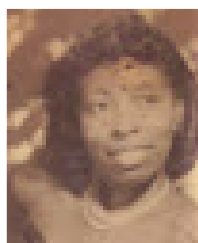
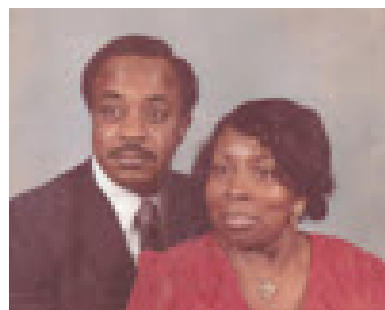
*Sunrise*  
April 11, 1933

*Sunset*  
January 11, 2011

*Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.*

**NEW VISION FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
100 Warrington Place  
East Orange, New Jersey

***Bishop Andre' L. Jackson, Officiating***



## *Reflections of Life*

**Mrs. Estella Smith Rokes** departed this life on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Morristown Memorial Hospital at the age of seventy-seven. She was born on April 11, 1933 in Darlington, South Carolina to the late Deacon Clyde and Deaconess Ola Smith.

*Estella was raised in Darlington, South Carolina and since childhood was an active member of Palmetto Baptist Church. She was also a graduate of Mayo High School, class of 1951.*

*Within the same year, Estella relocated to Madison, New Jersey where she became a member and served as a secretary at the First Baptist Church. Estella later joined Charles Edward Rokes, Jr. in holy matrimony on September 13, 1955 and to this union eight children were born. Charles and Estella lived in East Orange, NJ for many years and was married for thirty-six years.*

*Estella joined Bethsaida Baptist Church in Newark where she became an active member. She sang in the choir and was on the Usher and Deaconess Board as well.*

*Estella was not just a member but a saved born again Holy Ghost filled woman of God, always teaching and speaking the words of the Lord to everyone who was present around her.*

*Estella was a homemaker for many years until the death of her husband which she then gained her independence and started school of business at the North Ward Center and graduated in 1992. She also became employed as a Teachers Aide for the North*

*Ward Daycare Center from 1992 to 2001 until her health declined.*

*As she began to gain strength, Estella attended Adult Day Care Centers during the weekdays and found peace at the Casa Israel Center in Newark. In 2008, she began worshipping at New Vision Full Gospel Baptist Church in East Orange where she remained a member until her untimely passing.*

*She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charles E. Rokes, Jr.; brother, Clyde Smith, Jr. and devoted son-in-law, George (Jud) Larson.*

*Those that are left to cherish her memories are: her children, Cynthia Larson, Michael Rokes, Candace (Rory) Williams, Charles E. Rokes, III, Timothy (Angela) Rokes, Erika Rokes, Charisma Rokes and Orlando Rokes; grandchildren, Darcell Castlewood, Najla (Michael) Solomon, Shareefah Rokes, Rahim Castro, Aatifa Castro, Latisha Rokes, Jihad Castro, Kevin Wiltshire, Shonday Rokes, Quamirah Castro, Aeisha Rokes, DaQuan Rokes, Tanisha Rokes, De'Andre Jones and Izera Williams; great grandchildren, Rakim Solomon, Nyana White, Rahman White, Micah Solomon, Na'Sean White, Ja'Khi Chance, Jadon Solomon, Emiyah Garcia, Kai Ford, Quasim Rokes and Omarri Wiltshire; sister, Ola Mae (Willord) Simon; brother, Ernest J. Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will also greatly miss her.*

*Service of Celebration*

**Organ Prelude**

*Bro. Demar Brown*

**Final Viewing**

**Hymn of Celebration**

**Scripture Reading**

*Old and New Testament Selections*

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Solo**

*Sis. Carla Exum*

**Acknowledgements,  
Resolution & Reading of the Obituary**

**Solo**

*Sis. Carla Exum*

**Eulogy**

*Bishop André L. Jackson, Pastor & Founder,  
New Vision Full Gospel Baptist Church*

**Mortician in Charge - Recessional**

**Interment**

*Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey*

***Family and friends are invited to join  
the family for the repast back at the church.***

## **Angel of Glory**

*Our mother, Angel of glory,  
Just a few lines, won't tell her story  
Her salvation was God, throughout life,  
Being a friend, a mother, an excellent wife.  
She loved All her children without a doubt,  
And all of her grands, she would Never be without.  
Her relatives were always kept close at hand,  
Her Ma and her Dad so loving, so grand  
Her Bro and Sister what a pair  
Nieces and nephews she treated with care,  
Make no mistake about our mother  
Indeed indeed she'll never be another.  
The devil can't have her she's been taken  
She is with God there's no mistaken.*

*Gifted Writer, Mrs. Candace M. Williams*

### **Pall Bearers**

Michael Rokes  
Timothy Rokes  
Rahim Castro

Charles E. Rokes, III  
Orlando Rokes  
Kevin Wiltshire

### **Acknowledgements**

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.  
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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