

In Loving Memory of
Molaika S. Motley

Sunrise
April 8, 1980

Sunset
January 14, 2012

Friday, January 20, 2012 - 12 Noon
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens
771 Somerset Street
Somerset, New Jersey

DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Senior Pastor
Alyson Browne Johnson, Executive Pastor

Obituary

An angelic presence presided upon the marital union of Dennis Keith Motley and Teresa Williams Motley (deceased) on April 8, 1980. The radiance of the heavens was shining brightly upon the blessed occasion to illuminate the rising sun in a flourish of great anticipation, hope and optimism. God's divine and majestic power placed in our midst, early that day, the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, who was born at Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, New Jersey. Her parents, Dennis and Teresa, marked the fortuitous and joyous occasion by bestowing upon this radiant, gentle and angelic spirit, a name full of meaningful purpose and good intentions "The Angel of Good Fortune" to carry her forth upon her earthly voyage of discovery. And so the world came to know the child of this blessed union to be: **Molaika Suad Motley**.

Following a valiant and courageous struggle with the ravages of cancer, she succumbed to the loving arms of her heavenly father as the sun set on her sentimental and triumphant journey in life. Surrounded by the warmth and affection of her loving and devoted family and friends she entered into a state of eternal rest on January 14, 2012. She spent thirty-one years on a rewarding journey full of love, affection, friendship, fellowship, devotion and grace.

Molaika's life's journey began in Orange, New Jersey. A warm, gentle and sweet presence, she happily spent her formative years among her loving family and with her schoolmates with whom she would form lasting and lifelong bonds of friendship and devotion.

Molaika was educated at Our Lady of the Valley Elementary and Junior High School in Orange and at Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair. Active in school affairs she participated in numerous culturally and academically enriching programs. She graduated in 1998 with a great sense of optimism for what lay ahead in life. Following graduation Molaika obtained gainful employment at the medical office of Dr. Chidi Anukwuem and she also worked as a waitress at TGI Friday's Restaurant. Her need to find more lucrative opportunities led her to obtain career employment as a letter carrier and supervisor with the U.S. Postal Service.

Her curiosity and thirst for knowledge led her to seek opportunity and a better life through higher education. She recently obtained her Associates Degree at Essex County College. She excelled scholastically and fell shy of making the Dean's list by two points. Upon her graduation in the spring of 2011, her high academic standing earned her acceptance at the distinguished Rutgers University School of Business. She planned with great anticipation, to study for her Master's Degree in Business Administration.

During her adult life, Molaika resided in Hillside New Jersey. As an active and engaging young and single woman, she shared her love and kindness and many happy times with a close-knit network of friends and relatives.

She is predeceased by her mother, Teresa Williams Motley and leaves to cherish her memory: her father, Dennis K. Motley; step-mother, Linda Hendricks Motley; step-mother, Lynette Jordan; step-grandmother, Ruth Ramsey; sister, Munira Terry (Shakee); nephews, Sahir, Lemar, Elijah Terry; great uncle, Jesse and Jeffries (Elaine); uncles, Mark (Allison) and Todd Ramsey, Douglas Jeffries (Mary), Darryl Jeffries (Francine), Derrick Jeffries and Obrey Hendricks (Farah); aunt, Veronica Nelson (Andree'); cousins, Jasmine Delena Nelson, Taylor, Devin, Harrison Ramsey, Maya Jeffries and Tahirah Keene; her dearest friends, Anne Brown (Jameel), Sireeta Brown, Linda Franco (Filipe), Danica LaFortune (Luke) Christine Perez, Leticia Seale, Nikkol Green, Kenisha Adams and Samantha Douglas.

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

Order of Service

*Presiding –Minister Deborah Stapleton, Associate Minister
First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens*

MUSICAL PRELUDENoel Goring

OPENING HYMN “Blessed Assurance”

SCRIPTURES

Old TestamentLaticia Steel

New TestamentDanica LaFortune

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..Rev. Odinga Lawrence Maddox, Pastor
Mt. Zion AME Church, White Plains, New York

SOLOMaya Jeffries

REFLECTIONSLinda Franco
Dr. Leonard Jeffries

MUSICAL SELECTION“Mary Don’t You Weep”
(by Aretha Franklin)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & OBITUARYDarryl Jeffries

MUSICAL SELECTION “These Three Words”
(by Stevie Wonder)

EULOGY..... Dr. Obery Hendricks
Professor of Biblical Interpretation, New York Theological Seminary

COMMITTAL

RECESSIONAL

*Immediately after the service, everyone is invited
downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.*

Pallbearers & Flower Bearers

We Cannot Know What Lies Ahead

*We cannot know what lies ahead
From day to passing day,
What changes God is planning
In His wise and loving way.
We cannot know the reasons
He allows both joy and tears,
Why we must lose the precious ones
We've cherished through the years.
We cannot know - but we can trust,
And faith can help us find
Our way to those tomorrows
That will bring us peace of mind.*

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all who have extended support for, spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during their time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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