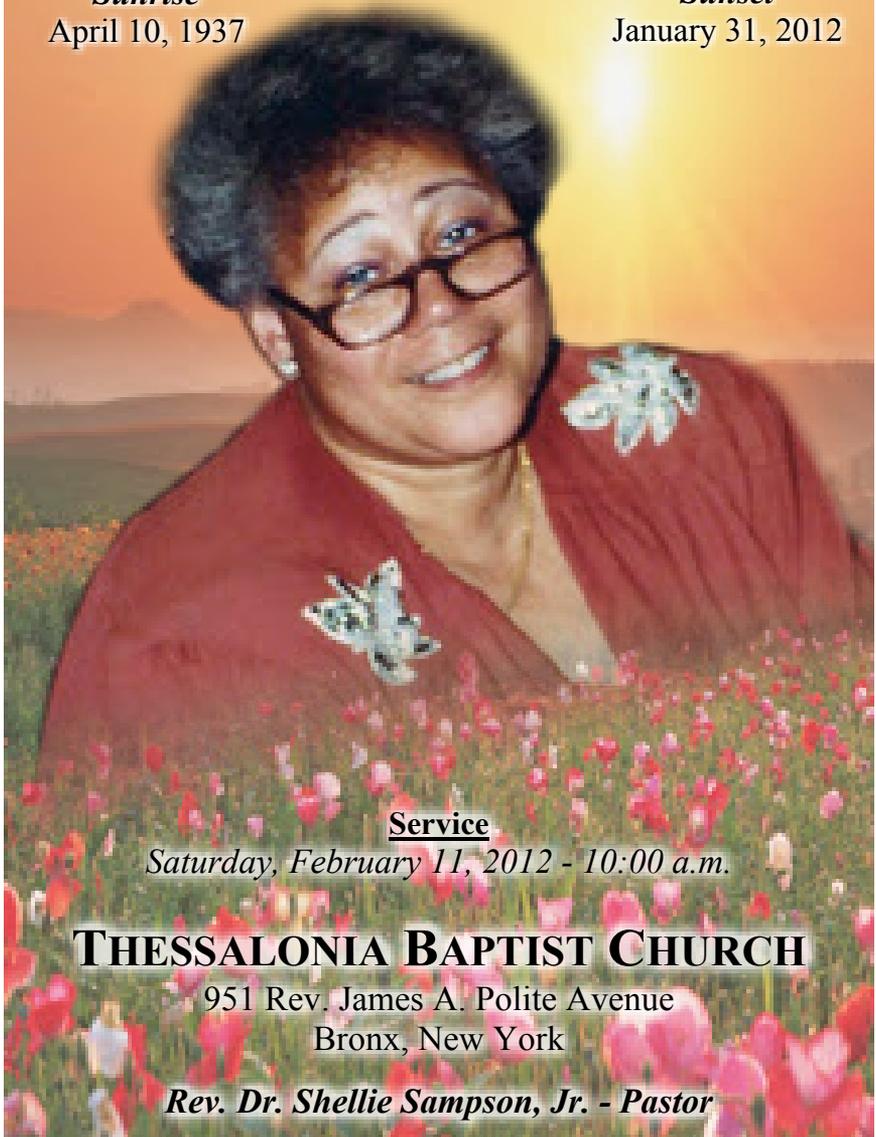


In Loving Memory of
Joann Crawford, Sr.

Sunrise
April 10, 1937

Sunset
January 31, 2012



Service

Saturday, February 11, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

THESSALONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

951 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue
Bronx, New York

Rev. Dr. Shellie Sampson, Jr. - Pastor

Obituary

Joann H. Crawford, Sr. was born in New York City on April 10, 1937 to a devoted mother, Susan L. Jackson.

She was raised in Bronx, New York where she graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School and received her Bachelor's Degree from the College of New Rochelle. It was also in the Bronx that fifty-six years ago Joann met and married her best friend and confident, George E. Crawford, Sr. on December 3, 1955. Three children were born from this union; George Jr., Susan and Joanne Jr.

Joann, who was affectionately known as "Ms. Jo," worked for the New York Telephone Company until she retired from the position of Office Manager after twenty-seven years of service in 1955.

Joann's great passion in life was dance and she loved children. Joann began training in dance at a very young age and studied under Mary Bruce, Pearl Primus and Ruth Williams, to name a few. Joann's favorite form was tap dancing, but she was also proficient in ballet and modern jazz. She was proud to have been able to display her talent as a cast member in the original Broadway production of Showboat.

Joann was also the driving force behind Jo-Lee Dance and Performing Arts Studio; an institution that was founded by her mother, Susan L. Jackson and is still in operation under the leadership of her daughters.

Joann also had a profound love for people and became notorious for adopting and sheltering many who were in need of affection.

Fun-loving, caring, energetic, full of life, nurturing, spontaneous and elegant.

Dancer, educator, traveler, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Trusted friend and confident: these are a few of the words that describe the personage, Joann H. Crawford, Sr.

Joann will be greatly missed by: her husband, George, Sr.; her children, George, Jr., Susan and Joanne, Jr.; her sister, Leonora Solomon; her nieces, Rhonda and Donna Solomon; her grandchildren, Scherrrie, Parris, Joi-Lynn, Christopher, Ceazar, Domonique, Jared, Amir, Zair, Lamar and Zakaira; her great-grandchildren, Noel, Jullien, YaNique, Christian, Zanya, Saniya, Jace, Malachi, Cheyanna, MyYanna and Bryce; and a host of other relatives and friends too numerous to name.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude Rev. Siepo Sampson
Processional Clergy and Family
Invocation
Hymn “Love Lifted Me”
Scripture Reading
 Old Testament Psalm 23
 New Testament 1st Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Prayer Deacon Bernard Forbes
Chant
Church Resolution Secretary
Remarks Diaconate, Trustees and Clergy
Selection Choir
Obituary Joanne H. Crawford, Jr.
Selection “God Is” Choir
Eulogy Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson, Pastor
Selection “In The Garden” Choir
Closing Prayer
Benediction
Recessional Clergy and Family

Entombment

Trinity Mausoleum
New York, New York

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.



Acknowledgments

When our load seemed hard to bear,
we looked around and you were there.
Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray
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 that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so very much, whatever the part.

~ The Family

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