

*A Celebration of Life for*



*Irma L. "Bobbie Gilchrist" Jones*

*March 5, 1943 - February 15, 2012*

***May The Works I've Done Speak For Me....  
Service of Triumph***

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

**Viewing 10:00 am.**

**Service 12:00 noon**

**Canaan Baptist Church**

**535 Reverend Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way**

**Paterson, New Jersey**

**Reverend Barry L. Graham, Assistant Pastor**

**Reverend Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Pastor**



## ***Singing In Heaven***

*My singing stopped  
On this earthly stage,  
For all my loved ones  
To seal my page.*

*Another job I was assigned  
And a new start for me  
To sing on the Heavenly choir  
Oh what a glorious place to be.*

*The golden roads are just beautiful,  
Just sunny days no dark nights,  
No more time for me to worry,  
No more disease for me to fight.*

*My legs are skipping around Heaven.  
I feel strong and want to run  
I laid down my tired body,  
Now my souls new journey has begun.*

*For my flight straight to Heaven,  
My body here had to cease,  
With my Heavenly Father's arms wide open,  
My once tired body is now at peace.*

*Love You Mommy Forever,  
Written By your daughter  
Ms. Yvette Jones*

## *Reflections of Life*

*"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life...."*

(Psalms 27:4a)



Please don't cry for me! In the secret of time God called our beloved Irma (Bobbie) Gilchrist Jones home. With the twinkling of an eye she was ushered into eternity, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Center, Paterson, New Jersey. Irma was born March 5, 1943, Paterson, New Jersey to the late Deacon Roosevelt and Mattie (Eaton) Gilchrist. She was one of eleven children.

Irma received her formal education, Paterson Elementary School; Central High School and Passaic County College, Paterson, New Jersey.

She was married to Harold Jones and to this union five children were born.

At an early age Irma accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She was baptized and joined the Community Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the late Rev. Floville A. LaGarde. During her adult years, she later joined the Canaan Baptist Church, under the Pastorate of Rev. Dr. Gadson Graham, where she served faithfully for many years. She was a soloist serving on the Emergency Choir. Singing was her passion. She began singing at an early age in choirs and participating in Paterson and the Metropolitan area.

Bobbie was employed by the Paterson Public Schools (Board of Education) where she worked diligently for thirty years, retiring February 7, 2007. She enjoyed the young people and believed in pursuing a higher education. "Bobbie" as she was affectionately called, was loved by all of her students. She had compassion for those who were in need and she exemplified love.

Bobbie loved and enjoyed her family. Her children along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren were her pride and joy. She made a difference with the lives of whom she came in contact. She found joy in celebrating the achievements of her family. The holidays, Ah! Great fun and laughter. She was the matriarch of the family, always encouraging them to do



GREATER!! I can't wasn't an answer. She was extraordinary.

Her organizational involvement: Grandparents Association, African American Women 100 plus, Inc., Commissioner of Paterson Library, Paterson Task Force for Community Action.

In recognition of her outstanding work and leadership abilities she was the recipient of many awards, plaques and certificates.

- ❖ Resolutions recognizing Black History Month Honoree, for outstanding achievement
- ❖ Proclamation of good news via song in honor of Civil Rights Activist and Gospel Singer, "Mahalia Jackson"
- ❖ As a singer and song writer, Irma has recorded several songs and performed in Bermuda and Radio City Musical Hall, New York, City. As an actress appeared in several off Broadway shows, to include: "God's Creation", God's Trombone and "Cinderella Afterwards"
- ❖ 2005 Irma appeared at the Beacon Theatre, New York, in a performance with Jerry Butler, The Manhattans, The Stylistics and back up singer for Eddie Holman, his Mega Hit, "Hey There Lonely Girl"
- ❖ She has performed at Paterson's Mayoral Inaugural Ceremonies.

#### **Accolades**

- ❖ Municipal Council Citation (Entertainment Award)
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition, song writer, Recording Artist Chosen Freeholders
- ❖ NJ Senate Citation, (woman of character & distinction)
- ❖ NJ General Assembly Citation (Entertainment)
- ❖ Certificate of Appreciation (outstanding civic community service)

Irma was pre-deceased by her parents, Deacon Roosevelt and Mattie (Eaton) Gilchrist; four brothers, John, Eugene, James and Theodore Gilchrist; two sisters, Clara Upshaw and Lorraine Allen.

She leaves to cherish her life's memories: two sons, Harold and Roosevelt (Joyce) Jones, Paterson, New Jersey; three devoted and loving daughters, Karen and Yvette Jones, Paterson, New Jersey, Diary (Nelson) Salas, Haledon, New Jersey; eight grandchildren, Danielle, Desirelle and Dominique Salas, Trenace Wilson, Shejidah, Shaquan and Shaniyah Jones and Julie Beasley; five great-grandchildren, Jaynia, Jalan and Jordan Jones, Makayla and King; two brothers, Louis and Walter (Linda) Gilchrist, Paterson, New Jersey; two sisters, Doris Egbuikwe, East Orange, NJ, Lillian Hamilton, Paterson, New Jersey. Devoted Friend, Harold, Sister-in-law, Margaret Gilchrist; also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear relatives and friends.



# *Order of Service*

## **Presiding**

Elder Kay Banks

Organ Prelude

Processional .....Clergy and Family

Congregational Hymn ..... “Just Over in the Glory Land”

Prayer .....Rev. Dr. Gregory Turner

Word of God Declared .....Rev. Ronald Tuff

Old Testament...Psalm 27:1-5,14

New Testament.- St. John 14:1-6

Selection .....Choir

Resolutions/Tributes .....Canaan Baptist Church

Remarks .....Clergy

Solo .....Rev. Shelby Mack Little

Remarks .....City Officials

Honorable Jeffery Jones

Mayor, City of Paterson, NJ

Rev. Ronald Tuff

Dr. Jessie Dixon

Honorable Joey Torres

Reflections of Life/Tributes .....(Reading) Grandchildren

Solo .....Ms. Joan Eaton

Tribute .....Elder Shaun Patterson

Resolution(s)Acknowledgements

Biographical Reflections (Obituary) .....Read Silently

Special Tribute .....Ms. Yvette Jones, Daughter

Solo

Spoken Word .....Rev. Dr. Gadson Graham

Rev. Barry Graham

Recessional .....Clergy and Family

## **Interment**

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey



*We're going to walk around Heaven  
all day and say howdy howdy howdy  
and we'll never never say goodbye  
and we'll walk the streets of gold and  
walk around heaven all day.*

*Acknowledgements*

The Jones, Gilchrist Family wishes to express our gratitude for every expression of sympathy shown. We appreciate the cards, visits and especially the Prayers.

Each will be acknowledged in the near future.

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