

Celebrating the Life of

Marietta Denise Preston

Sunrise

January 29, 1958

Sunset

April 22, 2012

Memorial Service:

Saturday, April 28, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

Woody "Home For Services"

163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey

Rev. James A. Johnson, Sr., Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Marietta, was born January 29, 1958 to Barbara and Ralph Pulley, (pre-deceased). Growing up, she developed a great love of dance and the arts. She looked up to her big sister, Leslie with whom she shared a very close sisterly bond along with many happy childhood memories. She attended East Orange High School and was an active member in the cheerleading squad. After graduating in 1976, she began her career in business; particularly in the field of retail. She was the manager of the Nice Stuff Clothing store located in East Orange, New Jersey and moved on up to managing the only Hallmark Stationary Store in the downtown area in Newark, New Jersey for several years. She also made history by becoming the first African-American store manager for Schnippers Stationary store of Chatham, New Jersey operating it for many years. Eventually she became the co-partner of Auntie M's Card and Gift store. A few years later she realized her dream by opening Marietta's Shoe Garden; both stores were located in Montclair, New Jersey. She returned to Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville, New Jersey to manage Lori's Card and Gift Store.

Her cousin, D. Channsin Berry, who was a high school friend of her future husband, Jon, introduced the couple to one another. Their paths crossed many times and when Jon returned from his stint in the Army they had many more connections when it became apparent to both of them that this was a match made from heaven. They were wed May 15, 1982 in First Baptist Church, Vauxhall, New Jersey. Through this union they were blessed with two sons; Jon Lee, Jr. and Chase Nolan. Marietta saw her sons as her greatest achievement and would boast to anyone that was within earshot about "her men." Before she was called home, she and Jon would have celebrated their thirtieth anniversary this year.

Marietta's magnetic personality, generous nature, friendliness and infectious laughter are a few of the many reasons that so many people loved her. She was always there for her niece, Morgan when, "Mom just doesn't understand." Everywhere she went she left a lasting impression and people were always happy when they saw her approaching anticipating to be embraced by her good will and humor. She was always fashionable and had an eye for a good deal. Her favorite pastimes were bowling in a league and shopping either at malls or thru television especially QVC and HSN; finding delight whether she made a purchase or just to create her wish list. This was a hobby that she shared with Leslie and her Sister-by-Another-Mother, Priscilla Roberts. Many would go to her for fashion advice for finding an accessory or just an opinion on an outfit. She was a fashionista to the end...

She leaves behind to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Jon; beloved sons, Jon Lee and Chase Nolan; devoted sister, Leslie-Karen Thompson and her daughter, Morgan; mother-in-law, Jean Preston; brother and sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends and acquaintances.

Order of Service

Seating of Family

Hymn of Comfort “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort Rev. James A. Johnson, Sr.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Solo “Amazing Grace”
Helene Harrison

Remarks Family & Friends (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements

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Poem Butterflies
Jon Lee Preston, Jr.

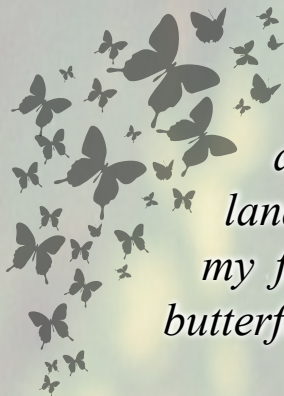
Eulogy Rev. James A. Johnson, Sr.
Peaceful Zion Baptist Church • East Orange, NJ

Closing Prayer

Recessional Clergy & Family

Cremation

Rosedale Crematory
Orange, New Jersey



Butterflies, the symbol of new life and rebirth are fluttering all around me. They circle my head, land on my arms and dance around my feet. I've never seen so many butterflies...never seen so many kinds.

Delicate wings...colors like sky and grass and the earth. Their flight is a motion of freedom and calmness and is so beautiful to see. Please let death be a butterfly with our loved ones soaring in an existence that is too wonderful for us to comprehend!

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Marietta Denise Preston** will remember and cherish the kindness of your expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended.
Thank you and may God richly bless you.*

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