

*Homegoing Service  
Celebrating the Life of*



*Lisa Iretta Whitley*

*Sunrise*

August 5, 1963

*Sunset*

June 18, 2012

Friday, June 22, 2012 - 11:00 am

**First Baptist Church**

929 Dill Avenue

Linden, New Jersey

*Rev. Derrick R. Dumas , Pastor*

*Rev. Joseph L. Napier, Sr., Officiating*

## *Life Reflections*

**Lisa Iretta Whitley** was born on August 5, 1963 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, daughter of Gwendolyn Branham Whitley and Jack Whitley, Jr. Raised in Linden, New Jersey, she was educated in the Linden Public School System. She graduated from Linden High School in 1982.

Lisa had been employed as a Receptionist at Karnack in Clark, New Jersey for ten years. She later earned a teaching certification in Early Childhood Development and taught at the Friendly Fuld – Headstart Division in Newark, New Jersey for five years.

At a young age, Lisa was baptized at First Baptist Church in Linden. She later joined Union Baptist Church in Kenilworth where she was a member of the Youth Choir and Inspirational Choir. She also attended Love of Jesus in Orange, New Jersey.

Lisa Iretta Whitley departed this life on Monday, June 18, 2012 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 48. She was predeceased by her parents, Gwendolyn and Jack Whitley, Jr. and her stepmother, Reatha Whitley.

She leaves to cherish fond memories, cousins, Carmen Hall (William) of Linden, NJ, Valerie Martin (Willie) of Newark, NJ, Talib Muhammad of Orange, NJ, Tony Jackson of Pennsylvania and Tanya Branham Young of Newark, NJ, one stepbrother, Dwayne Dawson of Irvington, NJ, two nephews, Rahnell Dawson of Irvington, NJ, Raymond Gross of Fords, NJ, two nieces, Deane Dawson and Deneice Gross of Fords, NJ. Five Godsons, Corey Dixon, Jamal Bolden, Malachi Bacote, Quinton Dixon and Quintrell Dixon. Devoted friends Bettye Blackston and Cymetra Vereen, and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly and Sorrowfully,  
The Family

*Like a flame we can not burn for ever tho it is impossible to rekindle .We must except the fact that Lisa Whitley is no longer physically with us. In knowing that, her heavenly spirit will travel through the streets of gold with confidence and insecurity that her people are not mourning:while your sitting there don't cry close your eyes and envision .Her laughs her smiles her crying are no more for that is for the physical shell. In leaving here, we Quintrell Quinton and Corey ask that you rejoice and celebrate in our Godmother's name Amen!*

*We know your not hurting anymore. All the pain is gone now. We understand you didn't want to suffer anymore. We know you will watch over all of us. Spread your wings our angel, your free now. We will smile for you. We will be strong for you. We will always miss you and love you.*

*Love Keena &Kissie*

# Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional ..... Family of Lisa Whitley

A Parting View

Hymn .....#429 When We All Get to Heaven

Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Deacon Willie Martin

New Testament..... Bro. Eric Faines

Prayer of Comfort ..... Deacon William O. Hall

Solo ..... “Wind Beneath My Wings” – Lorraine Harris

Acknowledgement of Condolences..... Tanya Young

Resolution

Obituary ..... Deaconess Valerie Martin

Solo ..... “Precious Lord” – Deaconess Carmen Hall

Eulogy ..... Rev. Joseph L. Napier, Sr.  
New Point Missionary Baptist Church • Newark, New Jersey

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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### Pall Bearers

Waliyy Dixon    Quinton Dixon  
Michael Bell    Corey Dixon  
Troy Hall        David Green

### **I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared , a laugh, a kiss.  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times

A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Lisa Whitley** acknowledges with sincere appreciation for every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. A special thank you to the First Baptist Church Pastor and family. To the G.G. Woody Funeral Home, Thank you. To Rev. John H. Smith and the Union Baptist Church family for all your love and prayers. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God continue to richly bless you.

