

*It's A Highway To Heaven*

**TRV**

*Alita Monique Van Buren*

**Sunrise**

October 11, 1979

**Sunset**

December 24, 2012

*Service of Triumph*

Sunday, December 30, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.

**CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

535 Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham Way

Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*



Alita Monique Van Buren entered into eternal happiness on Monday, December 24, 2012 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson, NJ. Alita was born on October 11, 1979 at Barnet Memorial Hospital in Paterson, NJ to Nora E. (Jenkins) and the late Webster "Renee" Van Buren.

Her bright future began at St. Paul's Elementary School of Prospect Park, NJ and she continues on to graduate from Passaic County Technical and Vocational High School in Wayne, NJ. Alita then went on to study cosmetology at Persian Beauty School located in Hackensack, NJ. Her high ambitions lead her to take courses in forensic science at Passaic County Community College.

She had many gifts which include being a hair stylist, cooking and interior decorating. She was previously employed by Loving Touch Hair Salon in Paterson, NJ. Alita felt that hair styling was a hobby and she decided to seek out something more challenging. Her career path transitioned to economics where she was employed at Valley National Bank in Wayne, NJ.

Alita Loved the Lord and accepted Him as her personal Savior at a young age. She was baptized and joined Canaan Baptist Church under the Pastorate of Rev. Dr. Gadson Graham. Her passions for singing lead her to serve on the Intercession Choir. She also served on the Usher's Axillary Board.

Her family was her pride and joy. Alita gave birth to four beautiful children. She enjoyed family events and special occasions because she was able to share her culinary skills. Alita loved to entertain others and serve in any capacity where she was needed. She was an avid football fan and her favorite team was the New York Giants. Alita also had a flare for fashion and she was always dressed to impress.

She leaves to cherish her life's memories: her mother, Nora E. Van Buren of Paterson, NJ; two daughters, Atlantis Monique Van Buren and Destiny Emani Ladson and two sons, Kenneth Hiawatha Ellis, Jr. and Amir Marque Hawkins all of Paterson, NJ; also a host of uncles, aunts, many cousins and dear friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Presiding**

Elder Gale Richardson

Organ Prelude

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Congregational Hymn.....“What A Fellowship”

Prayer

Word of God Declared

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Remarks

Solo

Reflections of Life/Tributes

Resolution(s) Acknowledgements

Special Tribute

Selection

Spoken Word

Recessional

## *Interment*

*East Ridgelawn Cemetery*

*Clifton, New Jersey*

## *Mommy's Message*

*Oh daughter! You were such a joy.  
Your bright smile and caring ways  
gave me strength through the harder days.  
You were so courageous and strong in God.  
And with your great faith, even in times of sickness you  
were encouraging others to pray.*

*Your favorite words were,  
"Where there is a will there is a way."  
I will always remember the song you sang,  
"Trouble doesn't last always."  
And Oh, how you loved your children so, and we love you.  
We will miss you but we will  
carry on and think of you every day.  
Although, we knew you were getting tired,  
God had other plans for you.  
We will look forward to seeing you again in that beautiful land.  
Love Always, Mom*

### *Acknowledgement*

*The **Van Buren** family would like to express our deepest gratitude for every expression of sympathy freely given in our time of sorrow. We appreciate the cards, calls, visits and especially all your prayers.*

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