

*Service of Triumph Victory For*



*Addie Bell Donnelly*

**Sunrise**  
March 22, 1938

**Sunset**  
April 10, 2013

*Service*  
Friday, April 19, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.  
Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Dr. Linda E. Hindsman, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Addie Bell Donnelly** was born on March 22, 1938 in Wharton, Texas to the late John and Amanda Edwards. She was one of four siblings. Her early education was acquired in the Wharton Texas School system. She also attended Bergen Community College in Paramus, NJ studying in their Nursing Degree Program.

From a child Addie was very sports-minded and active. In high school, she enjoyed bowling, horse-back riding, playing soft ball, basketball, track and field and being on the majorette squad. She also enjoyed Glee Club, Home Economics and imitating Yvonne DeCarlo.

She moved to Paterson, NJ in 1959 and lived with her aunt, Willie Lee Bonner for several years. In 1963, she married the late Calvin Wallace Joseph and from this union two children were born, Debra Ann and Roderick Joseph. In 1990, Calvin transitioned to his eternal home.

Addie was always a loving, devoted mother and wife. She was employed by The Barnert Memorial Hospital for thirty-nine years. Addie started as a Candie Stripper, worked her way into the maternity ward progressing into the Emergency Room. She retired from Barnert Hospital in May of 2003.

Addie's Christian walk began at an early age in True Holiness Pentecostal Church in Wharton, Texas where she faithfully attended Sunday school and sang on the choir. She also attended First A.M.E. Zion Church in Paterson, NJ. For approximately thirty years she has worshipped at Redeeming Love Christian Center (RLCC) in Nanuet, NY.

In 1992, Addie was united in holy matrimony to Mannie Donnelly and was a loving, devoted wife. They enjoyed traveling, Sunday dinner and worshipping at RLCC. Addie was a wonderful cook and especially enjoyed preparing special Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for her family.

Addie was a perfect example of a Christian woman and a woman of great faith. She read her bible everyday, discussing many topics with her husband, her children and anyone she met. She volunteered at the Kessler Rehabilitation Center reading scriptures to many of the patients, even when she did not feel well herself. She held onto her positive faith in God who promised healing, deliverance and strength. She was a shining example to all whom she encountered.

Addie was also a former member of NAACP and National Council of Negro Women in Paterson.

Addie was predeceased by her brother, Josh Edwards and sister-in-law, Ruby Pemberton. On Wednesday, April 10, 2013, Addie Bell Donnelly transitioned to her heavenly home.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories: devoted husband, Mannie Donnelly; son, Roderick (Julie); daughter, Debra; grandchildren, Brandon, Jada, Justin and Kevin; sisters, Delila Kimble, Laverne Battle; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Donnelly and Early Stuckey; special friends, Betty Aldridge, Yvonne Ephran, Erma Jean Sanders, Minnie Sanders, Vera Johnson and Eunice Williams; special nephew, Arthur Edwards; devoted cousin, Elliott Bonner; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude ..... Dr. Jarrett Hindsman

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 91.....Evangelist Lynn Kitchens

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

## Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Brenda J. Edwards

Reflections..... (2 minutes please)

Delila M. Edwards Kimble, sister

LaVerne Edwards Battle, sister

Elliot Bonner, cousin

Song.....Londa Desormeau

Family Tribute.....Pastor Arthur L. Edwards

## Obituary

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Linda E. Hindsman, Pastor  
Lambert Chapel Holy Church, Brooklyn, New York

## Final Viewing

## Recessional

### **Interment**

Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

# *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The Donnelly and Joseph family would like to acknowledge all acts of kindness extended to them during our time of bereavement. For all that you have done to make our load lighter and the pathway brighter, we thank you so much. May God forever bless and keep each of you in His tender, loving care.*

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