## Homegoing Service Celebrating the Life Of



# Gloria Ann Karimah Cannady

Sunrise
January 16, 1950

Sunset May 2, 2013

### Service

Saturday, May 11, 2013 ~ 9:30 a.m.

### **Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street Roselle, New Jersey **Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor** 

### Remembering Gloria

**Gloria Ann Karimah Cannady** began this world on January 16, 1950 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She was the daughter of Alice Lindsay Souels and Elige Souels of Roselle, New Jersey. Gloria was the baby of the family and was very close with her siblings, Lily Pearl Taylor (deceased), Robert Jackson, Shahid Abdullah, and Alfred Souels (deceased). She passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the Evergreen Hospice in Kirkland, Washington, surrounded by her family.

Gloria Ann graduated from Abraham Clark High School in 1967 and went on to attend Union County College. Professionally, Gloria worked for Verizon (formerly Bell Atlantic) as a Directory Assistant for more than fourteen years. She then joined Verizon Wireless in the NJ office and in 2006 after moving to Tampa, Florida and joined the Customer Service team.

Gloria Ann married Salim Muwakkil (Alonzo Cannady) in 1972 and from this union two daughters were born, Alonda and Shanna. In their early years of marriage, Salim and Gloria were focused on activism and natural living. Together they operated a pre-school program and also owned "House of Revelations" health food store in Linden, New Jersey. Gloria continued to develop this early entrepreneurial interest with her own retail businesses over the years.

Gloria was full of life and vigor. She always graced everyone with her big beautiful smile. She is known for loving plants, playing games especially "Pet Saga" and "Words with Friends", having the latest technology and always having a purse full of candy – especially Mr. Goodbar, Watermelon Slices and Twizzlers. She had a very kind and passionate soul; she had a loving and generous heart, was always willing to help others without hesitation, especially her family. In 2004, she began caring for her late niece, Iman Campbell, becoming her second mother. She loved and cared for Iman as her own daughter and was predeceased in early 2011.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by: her two daughters, Alonda Williams (Byron) of Redmond, Washington and Shanna Souels-Bethea (Aaron) of Roselle, New Jersey; adoring grandchildren, Ahlia, Paris, Ivy and Tyler; husband, Salim Muwakkil; brothers, Robert Jackson (Lucy) and Shahid Abdullah; sister-in-law, Joan Souels; brother-in-law, Robert Taylor; aunt, George Ann Lindsay Sligh; beloved in-laws; and a host of nephews, nieces, best friend, Evelyn Bailey; cousins, friends and her Tampa-based Verizon Wireless family.

Gloria is now an angel who has found her place next to her mother, father, brother and sister in a beautiful constellation, where she will shine in the heavens forever.



#### Rest in Peace Dear Mother

Your are not forgotten nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee
We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place

Lovingly submitted, The Family

### Order Of Service

Processional .... .....Janet Hollins Prayer Musical Selection ......" "I Look To You" by Whitney Houston Scriptures Old Testament New Testament Remarks Solo Paris Williams Words of Reflection Salim Muwakkil & Shahid Abdullah Obituary Pastor, The Bread of Life Ministries, Newark, NJ Benediction Recessional

### **Interment**

Rosemount Memorial Park Elizabeth, New Jersey

In loving memory of Gloria, please take a piece of the Ivy plant and continue to grow it on your own. This is a way to keep honoring her memory and continue growing something she loved.

Family and Friends are invited to return back to the Church for a Repast.

Services Entrusted To:

### G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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### Pall Bearers Family and Friends of Gloria Ann Cannady

God saw you getting tired, When a cure was not to be. So He wrapped His arms around you, and whispered, "come to me." You were a precious gift from God above, so much beauty, grace and love. You touched our hearts in so many ways, your smile so bright even on the bad days. You heard God's whisper calling you home, you didn't want to go and leave us alone. You loved us so much, you held on tight, till all the strength was gone and you could no longer fight. He had called your name twice before, you knew you couldn't make Him wait anymore. So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away, knowing that with our love we will be together again someday. ~ Mary Estelle

#### Her Journey's Just Begun

Her Journey's Just Begun Don't think of her as gone away, her journey's just begun, Life holds so many facets, this earth is only one, Just think of her as resting, from the sorrows and the tears, In a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no days or years, Think how she must be wishing, that we could know today. How nothing but our sadness, can really pass away, And think of her as living, in the hearts of those she touched, For nothing loved is ever lost, and she was loved so much

### Acknowledgement

The family of Gloria Ann Karimah Cannady acknowledges with the deepest appreciation every thought and act of kindness extended to them during her illness and passing. The beautiful flowers, the visits, the meals, the cards were a great source of strength and so very much comfort. We will always keep you in our prayers. May God Bless You.

