

*Home-Going Service for  
Alma Jean Warren*

*"I-Jean"*

Sunset  
May 30, 2013

Sunrise  
August 2, 1937



*Thursday, June 6, 2013 -11:00 a.m.*

**Woody "Home For Services"**  
163 Oakwood Avenue  
Orange, New Jersey

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF COMFORT .....Deacon Milton Warren, Jr.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN .....“Blessed Assurance”

OLD TESTAMENT READING .....Robert Warren, Jr.  
Psalms 61:1-4

NEW TESTAMENT READING.....Tracey Kennedy  
John 14:1-3

MUSICAL SELECTION .....Bianca Warren

OBITUARY..... Sheila Genias

REMEMBRANCES ..... Dorothy Daren

VOCAL SELECTION.....Blaire Warren

FINAL POEM.....TO THOSE I LOVE  
Gwendolyn Lawrence

EULOGY..... Minister David Toler

RECESSIONAL

**Interment**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

*Repast*  
*Family and friends will be received at the*  
*Ramada Inn after the interment:*  
*120 Evergreen Place • East Orange, NJ 07018*

## Obituary

**Alma Jean Warren**, daughter of the late Henry and Arthenia Darden Sr., was born in Pitt County, NC, August 2, 1937. She attended public school in the Pitt County School System.

Following the death of her mother in 1948, Alma helped raise her brother, Henry and sister, Carolyn. People who knew Alma called her Alma Jean. Little Henry & Carolyn couldn't pronounce Alma Jean so they called her I-Jean, hence her nickname emerged. Alma graduated from H.B. Suggs High School with honors. Her favorite subjects were English, Home Economics and Bookkeeping. She took pride in reading, cooking, sewing and secretarial courses.

Embarking on a new beginning brought her to Newark, NJ after marrying her soul mate Robert L. Warren Sr., in 1958. From this union produced two children, a daughter, Gwendolyn and son, Robert Jr. Alma worked several years in the toy manufacturing industry. She would soon become a full time homemaker investing in the growth and development of her family. This decision permitted Alma to do the things she enjoyed such as raising their children and being active in all of their school and social activities. Alma served on various school related committees and organizations. Her baked cakes, and desserts were often requested months prior to these events. Hosting family functions where she exhibited her culinary, tailoring and decorative talents was her source of contentment. Alma was passionate about music, especially that of the Motown Era. Saturday mornings were designated as cleaning day, where music blared throughout the house, which made completing the chores enjoyable.

Alma soon transitioned her time from home to the business she and Robert shared. She was the Executive Secretary and Office Manager for well over thirty years, a position she held up until her passing.

Not only was Alma a great business partner and wife, she was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and cherished friend to all who knew her.

Left to cherish Alma's memories are: her husband of fifty-five years, Robert L. Warren, Sr.; her daughter, Gwendolyn (Cary) Lawrence of Middletown, DE and son, Robert L. Warren Jr. (Cheryl) of East Orange, NJ; five grandchildren, Robert L Warren III, Tracey Kennedy, Blaire M. M. Warren, Phillip M. Lawrence and Bianca M. J. Warren; two great grandchildren, Kayvion and Kamiyra Kennedy; siblings, Henry (Dorothy) Darden Jr., of East Orange, NJ, Carolyn (James) DuPree of South Norwalk, CT, Misha Edwards of Bronx, NY, Sheldon Darden of S. Norwalk, CT, Angela Darden of Bronx, NY, Peggy Joyce Charles of Greenville, NC, MaryAnn Darden of Fountain, NC and Bobby Ray Darden of Greenville, NC; Step mother, Hilda Darden of Fountain, NC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, business associates and friends.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Janet, Joseph and Timmie Darden.

# *We Remember Alma for*

Always being like a mother, sister, confidant and friend...

Forever being my "I-Jean"...

Knowing exactly what to say...

Being there when you needed her...

Saying "Well aint that something!"...

Great, unforgettable memories...

Eating Pixie Stixs and saying a  
small curse then making a silly face....

Welcoming me into the family...

Always sending beautiful and thoughtful cards...

Her strong laughter...Saying "I Love you, too"...

Always smiling and full of love...Her hugs...

Our visits to see her in the summers

Making sure our stomachs were full and visits full of laughter...

Teaching valuable lessons about life,

love and the pursuit of happiness.

Generous heart Many great holidays...

Her home on 9th Street...All the wonderful trips....

Lots of home-cooked food...She was a Grandma Google

Saying "okie dokie"...

Being a positive role model that you could  
not help respecting and listening to everything she said...

The anticipation of finding out  
what gift awaited us during each visit...

Candy galore Her food pantry was so stocked  
with food I though she owned a supermarket...

Always made you feel her castle was your castle...

Miss her smile especially after you ask her how she is doing  
and her reply is "Well, I'm alright, How about you?"

Making you feel that all was well  
even if it was just for a moment...

Calling her with a problem or situation  
and she would always help find a solution....

I will miss you dearly...

Cherishing the memories...



# *A Celebration of Life*





## *“Always Together”*

### *To Those I Love*

When I am gone, just release me,  
Let me go - so I can move into my afterglow.

You mustn't tie me down with your tears;  
Let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave you  
my love, you can only guess how much you gave me  
in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have  
shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while you must, then let your  
grief be comforted with trust. It's only for a while  
that we must part, so bless the memories within your  
heart. And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and a “Welcome Home”

#### *Acknowledgements*

The family would like to take the opportunity to extend sincere  
appreciation for the many kind expression of sympathy ex-  
pressed to them during their time of bereavement. May God  
keep you in his tender loving care.

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