

*Celebrating
the Life
Of*



Pamala Annette Brooks

September 23, 1943 - August 2, 2013

Service

Friday, August 9, 2013 11:00 a.m.

The New Hope Baptist Church

106 Sussex Avenue

Newark, NJ 07103

Pastor Joe A. Carter, Officiating

Obituary

Pamala Annette Brooks, 69 of Edison, NJ, departed this life on Friday, August 2, 2013. Born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, to Delmar Ligon, Sr. and Edna Ligon. Pamala attended Newark Public Schools and graduated from South Side High School in 1961.

Pamala was a happy and energetic woman who loved the Lord. She dedicated her life to helping others and her gentle nature and warm spirit made her loved by nearly everyone who knew her. She loved music, especially gospel and one could often find her singing, dancing or whistling.

Pamala began her professional career working as a Medical Technologist at Jersey City Medical Center after graduating from Lyon's Institute. She later decided to pursue her passion and went on to receive a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Newark State College in 1971 and a Master's degree in Education: Teaching and Learning from Nova Southeastern University in 2001. She served the early childhood community for more than forty years as a preschool teacher, assistant director, program director, consultant to the government in the Virgin Islands, an instructor of adults and a director of a program educating parents about quality care. Owner and lead consultant at Pals Educational Consulting, she thoroughly enjoyed her work and continued until she was simply too ill.

At the age of 15, she met her high school sweetheart, Bennie Lee. They were married in 1963. Three children were born through their union, Recia Ann, Darla Annette and Kevin Louis. They eventually divorced, but remained friends.

In 1988, she married her long time friend and soul mate, Ben Brooks, Jr. They were not just husband and wife, but a true team. Rarely did you see one without the other, as they passionately loved one another and enjoyed each other's company. Together, they had a blended family of nine adult children and eight grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her father, Delmar Ligon, Sr., her mother, Edna Ligon, and her brother, Delmar Ligon, Jr. ("DC").

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband, Ben Brooks, Jr.; children, Recia Lee-Howard, Darla Lee-Isom, Kevin Lee, David Cohen, Xavier Brooks, Rodney Brooks, Felicia Brooks, Loda Sellars and Vicky Black; grandchildren, Ashley Howard, Justin Howard, India Isom, Imani Brooks Wheeler, Kendall Brooks, Dimitri Brooks, Nikkiyah Brooks and TaKisha Arrington; brother, James Ligon (Vivian), special cousin, Janice Ligon; extended family members, Stacey Smith, Bennie Lee, Ralph Lee, Patricia Campbell, Barbara Hash, Durand Howard and Fred Isom; life long friends, Ann Reaves and Margo Troop, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament - Psalm 23 - Donna Hicks

New Testament - John 14:1-7 - Stacey Smith

Prayer of Comfort

Rodney Brooks

Selection

“It Is Well” - Felicia Moss Eaton

Remarks

Acknowledgments, Condolences

& Resolutions - Carol Patterson

Obituary

(Read Silently)

Selection - Felicia Brooks

Eulogy

Pastor Joe A. Carter

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Central Avenue, Newark, New Jersey

Repast

Following the interment, family and friends are invited to:

Chamblee's Square Restaurant

592 Hunterdon Street • Newark, NJ

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The Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.

Author Unknown



Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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