

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Annie M. Owens, with short, curly dark hair. She is wearing a light-colored top and a pearl necklace. The background is a soft, out-of-focus image of her smiling. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*Celebrating  
the Life  
of*

*Annie M. Owens*

**Sunrise**

*February 23, 1925*

**Sunset**

*December 12, 2013*

*Friday, December 20, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.*

**FIRST TIMOTHY BAPTIST CHURCH**

215 Chancellor Avenue • Newark, NJ

Rev. Andre Coffee, Pastor



## *Reflections of Life*

*Annie M. Owens*, daughter of the late Johnnie and Queenester (nee Deloach) Williams, was born on February 23, 1925 in Fairfax, SC.

*She attended the Fairfax School system until she completed her education.*

*Annie accepted Christ in her life at an early age and continued practicing her faith throughout her life. She joined First Timothy Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, where she diligently served on the usher board during her early years of membership.*

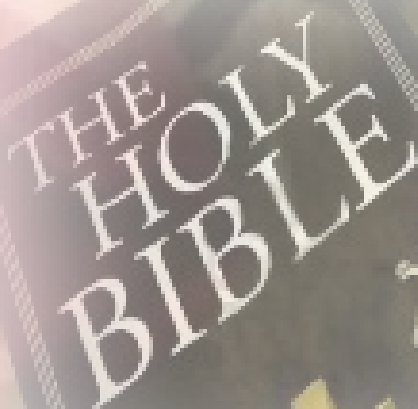
*Annie was united in holy matrimony with James Owens, Sr., in March 1951 and unto this union two children were born, James, Jr. and Pamela. In 1996, Annie retired from Chrill Care, Inc. where she had been employed as a Home Health Aide.*

*A proud, yet humble woman, Annie was always concerned about the welfare of others, especially family and always encouraged everyone to do their very best.*

*Annie was a dedicated wife, a loving mother, a devoted grandmother and great grandmother. She departed this life on Thursday, December 12, 2013.*

*She leaves to cherish her memory: one brother, Quillie DeVore (SC); one son, James Owens, Jr. (Felice); one daughter, Ms. Pamela Owens; six grandsons, Craig, Jamal (Khadijah) and Al-Fuquan Westry, Justin Owens, Quintell and Counique McIver; three granddaughters, Aishah Cooke, Aaliyah Owens and Ayanna Adkins; seven great grandchildren, Kaishon (Way), Jameerah, Jamaya, Jamaal, James (Jimmy), Jamir and Isis Westry; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.*

*She was preceded in death by her husband, James Owens, Sr., sister, Hattie M. (Williams) Ritter, brother, Pat Williams and grandson, James Westry.*



THE  
HOLY  
BIBLE

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection ..... "His Eye His On The Sparrow" - Choir

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

New Testament (II Corinthians 5:6-9)

Remarks (*2 minutes please*) ..... Family/Friends

Acknowledgement / Obituary ..... Jacqui Smith

Selection ..... Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. Andre Coffee

Recessional

### **Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

*Repast will immediately follow at  
First Timothy Baptist Church.*

### **Pallbearers**

*James Owens, Jr.      Jamal Westry*

*Justin Owens      Kaishon (Way) Westry*

*Quintel McIver*

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-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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