

*Celebrating The Life of*

# *Queen Odessa Jenkins*

**Sunrise**

*March 17, 1929*

**Sunset**

*September 27, 2014*



*Saturday, October 11, 2014 -11:00 a.m.*

**MESSIAH BAPTIST CHURCH**

13-17 Oak Street

East Orange, New Jersey

*Rev. Dana Owens, Officiating*

## Obituary

**Queen Odessa Jenkins** the daughter of Georgia and John T. Hall was born on March 17, 1929 in Haddock, GA. Odessa was one of five siblings, and was a graduate of Grey High School. She was active during the Civil Rights movement and politics. Queen Odessa came to New Jersey to reside with her aunt, Nellie Harris in 1949.

She married Clarence D. Jenkins (Chinkie) and from their union two daughters were born, Valerie and Clarise Jenkins. Upon the death of her husband, Clarence Jenkins, she later in life met her long time companion, Lorenzo Outerbridge until his death.

Queen Odessa fellowshipped at St. Marks AME Church located on Stirling St., Newark, NJ and then transferred her fellowship to Messiah Baptist Church in the early 70's, she was a member of the Usher Board.

Queen worked for F.W. Woolworths, McCorys and switched to child care at Friendly Fuid Day Care and Precious Little Day Care both in Newark, NJ.

Known by her family as "Odessa", she will be missed by all who may have had the pleasure of knowing her.

Queen leaves to cherish her memories: daughter, Valerie L. Jenkins; granddaughter, Clarese Odessa Jenkins; her brother, John Hall; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and friends.



# Order of Service

Seating of The Family.....The Funeral Director

Hymn of Comfort.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - II Timothy 4:6-8

Selection.....The Choir

Poem.....Edith Tims

Remarks.....Family and Friends (two minutes please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Obituary

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dana Owens

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

## **Interment**

*Rosedale Cemetery*

*Orange, New Jersey*

## **Repast**

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends  
are invited for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall.*

# *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*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family of **Queen Odessa Jenkins** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement. May God bless keep and you!*

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