

In Loving Memory of
Joy J. Grove



Sunrise
July 8, 1943

Sunset
December 5, 2014

Saturday, December 13, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.

New Hope Baptist Church

144 Norman Street
East Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Gill, Pastor

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection
“Soon and Very Soon”

Prayer of Comfort

Readings of Scriptures
Old Testament - Psalm 23 - Renee Griggs
New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Heather Coke

Reflections/Acknowledgement
(2 Minutes)

Musical Selection
By Dorris Griffin

Obituary Reading
Michael Grove

Musical Selection
“Blessed Assurance”

Eulogy
Rev. Gill, Pastor

Benediction

Recessional
“I’m Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Joy Jean Solomon was brought into this world on Thursday, July 8, 1943, at Kinney Hospital in Newark, NJ to parents Helen J. Solomon and Eugene A. Solomon Jr., and sister LaVern Solomon.

Joy spent her early childhood years in Orange, NJ and enjoyed outdoor activities such as; bike riding, skating, dancing and playing tag with the neighborhood kids. At the age of eight Joy uprooted and traveled to Raleigh, NC, and attended G. W. Ligon High School and later Saint Augustines College where she graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Physical Education on May 29, 1966 .

Joy started her teaching career at East Side High School in Newark, NJ and also worked part time at the Children's Shelter in Bellevue, NJ as a supervisor. After two years at East Side High School, Joy's teaching career went in a different direction and in the Fall of 1968 she began teaching at Barringer High School in Newark, NJ. It was here where Joy met fellow co-worker and football coach Leon W. Grove Jr., of Mobile, AL. The two were married on Tuesday, April 12, 1977 in East Orange, NJ and gave birth to children; Tiffany N. Grove (deceased), Leon W. Grove 3rd, and Kyle J. Grove.

Joy loved teaching and the students she taught so much, that she gave over 30 years of her life to educating the youth of Newark, NJ. She often talked about her students when she was at home with her family; often expressing how proud of them she was and also how much it bothered her when they did not meet her expectations. Some of Joy's most memorable moments were seeing not only her own students at Barringer High School, graduate and attend college, but to see her two sons, Kyle and Leon Grove, graduate High School and attend Norfolk State University.

Joy enjoyed watching sports on TV mainly Tennis, Football and Track and Field. Her favorite athletes were Venus and Serena Williams, Stephe Graph, Raphael Nadal, Roger Federer and Troy Polamalu. She often watched the NFL games on Sundays while cooking dinner for her family. She loved watching the Olympics and the US Open. Some of Joy's favorite TV shows were; The Oprah Winfrey Show, Montell Williams, Geraldo Rivera, 227, Family Matters and the Cosby show. As the years went on and times changed, she would often watch; Dancing with the Stars, American Idol, QVC, Dr. Phil, The View, The Wendy Williams Show, Emerald and other cooking shows which she enjoyed. She found interest in traveling, going on cruises, taking bus rides to Atlantic City with her girlfriends and having cookouts during the summer.

Joy had a wonderful sense of humor and often was very sarcastic in conversations with friends and family. She was a very straight forward person and frequently spoke her mind about her feelings and opinions, but doing so in a loving and caring manner. She loved her family, friends, co-workers and the people of her community. If you were invited into Joy's house, you were treated like one of her own children, like a brother or a sister; to her, you were family.

Joy was a fighter, a strong and determined woman, who cared more about her children than herself. On Friday, December 5, 2014, Joy accepted her award for a life well lived and was called home by God. We find peace in knowing that she is eternally resting with the rest of her family that has gone home to the Lord, deceased mother and father, Helen and Eugene Solomon and daughter Tiffany N. Grove.

She leaves behind to cherish her loving memory; sister LaVern Wright, brother-in-law Arthur Wright; her beloved sons Kyle Grove and Leon Grove; niece Lisa Thomas, and a host of other friends and relatives.

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Miss Me, But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-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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