



*In Loving  
Memory of*

*Sunrise*

February 22, 1944

*Sunset*

January 12, 2015

*Juanita Graham*

*Memorial Service*

Thursday, January 22, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

**Perry Funeral Home**

34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

**Pastor J. Thompson, Officiating**

**Timothy Rawls, Organist**

## *Obituary*

**Juanita Graham** was born on February 22, 1944 to the late George Graham and Rubena P. Graham in Georgetown, South Carolina.

**Juanita** joined New Light Baptist Church, Georgetown, SC., when she was five years old; where her lovely voice resonated in the choir.

**Juanita** attended J. B. Beck Elementary School in Georgetown, SC, before moving to New Jersey, and then completed her elementary education at Robert Treat Elementary School in Newark, NJ. She went on to attend and graduate with a diploma from Westside High School in Newark, NJ. In 1976, she graduated from ECPI Technical School in East Orange, NJ, where she studied executive secretary and medical transcription.

**Juanita** resided in Newark, NJ. The industries in which she worked included manufacturing and medical offices.

**Juanita** was joined in Holy Matrimony in the early 60's to Benjamin Smith. She remarried to Patrick Nixon in the mid 70's.

**Juanita** was predeceased by one son, Shelby Antonio Graham and one grand-daughter, Anisha Nixon.

**Juanita** leaves to mourn: four children, two sons, Aaron Smith of Georgetown, SC and Gregory Smith, and one daughter-in-law, Dr. Pamela Sparks Smith of Camillus, NY; two daughters, Patrice Nixon of Newark, NJ and Latia Nixon of East Orange, NJ; ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren; one sister, Cynthia Graham-Ward, and one brother-in-law, William Ward of Scotch Plains, NJ; one niece, Cyrenthia Ward of Scotch Plains, NJ; two aunts; Lila Palmer and Willie Mae Graham-Lawson of Georgetown, SC.; two sisters-in-law, Carrie J. Frazier and Eva Mae Knowlin of Georgetown, SC; special friends and extended family, Ruth Bethea and Charles Bethea, Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

*Prayer.....Pastor J. Thompson*

*Scripture.....Charles Bethea, Jr.*

*Remarks.....(2 minutes please)*

*Poem.....Taryn Smith (granddaughter)*

*Reading of The Obituary.....Pastor J. Thompson*

*Eulogy.....Pastor J. Thompson*

*Removal of carnations by the grandchildren*



*The family would like to thank everyone for attending,  
and the family will take the rest of this day in private.*

*When God saw that she was becoming tired with no cure to be found, he softly whispered, for her to come home, to receive her golden crown. Although life had been tough for her, it did not allow her to frown, she kept treading this path of life while encouraging others, as she walked throughout the town. Many loved her so, while others raised their brow; it never matter to her, she knew, that she had made her divine avow. He reached his arm down to receive her, she displayed a smile; that is the moment she knew, that she only had a short while. When he gave her a moment to look back, she waved her arms with love; shortly thereafter, she quickly rose above.*

*"The precious one has gone on,  
her voice is now still,  
just know she is in a better place,  
and she is no longer ill."*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The Graham family extends their appreciation of acts of kindness during their bereavement hours.*

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