

In Loving Memory of



Joycelyn Thompson Gill

Sunrise
October 17, 1935

Sunset
January 25, 2015

Service

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S CALVARY U.C.O.G

2780 Vauxhall Road

Union, New Jersey

Bishop Claude L. Campbell, Officiating

Obituary

A time to be born....

Joycelyn Thompson Gill was born on October 17, 1935 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Bertha and Samuel Thompson. Following the untimely death of birth mother when Joycelyn was a toddler her father Samuel later married the former Edlee Collins. They instilled in Joycelyn many values, including love for God, self, and others which remained with her throughout her life. As a child she was a member of First Hopewell Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. Joycelyn was educated in the Newark Public School System, and graduated from South Side High School in 1953. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings - Marjorie, Samuel, Audrey, and Caroline.

A time to love.....

After High School, Joycelyn attended Essex County Technical School and majored in Book Keeping and Business Machines; After graduation she was employed by New Jersey Bell Telephone. On February 26, 1956 Joycelyn married Thomas Quintis Gill (deceased) this union was blessed with three children: Lillian Diane, Pamela, and Cynthia. In 1975 Joycelyn received an Associate Degree from Essex County College in Social Science. They remained happily married for 45 years until his passing in June 2001.

A time to live...

Joycelyn, concerned with quality education became active in the school community. It was this interest that caught the attention of the late David Wurm, former Principal of Camden St. School, who recommended Joycelyn for a position with the Newark Board of Education. Joycelyn began working for the Newark Board of Education in 1969. She was assigned to work at Cleveland Elementary School as a school clerk, she worked in this capacity for nine years, it was here that she began working for the former Mayor the Hon. Thomas H. Cooke Jr. of East Orange, who invited her to be a part of his administration when he was elected. Joycelyn also had the opportunity to work in the Law Department and Rent Leveling Office at East Orange City Hall. After 20 years of service at East Orange City Hall, she retired in 1998, she was very well respected and much loved by her colleagues.

A time to rest....

Although her health began to falter Joycelyn never lost her tenacity to be an encouragement to others, her love and kindness towards others and her love to travel. On Sunday, January 25, 2015, Joycelyn departed this life at the age of 79.

A time to remember.....

She leaves to cherish her memory, L. Diane Jones Brown, Pamela Gill Drayton (Thomas L. Drayton), Cynthia Gill, Esq., grandchildren, Tatum C. Jones, Nadyia Shanair Blakemore, Sean Blakemore, Kristen Joy Drayton, Naomi Drayton, three great-grandchildren, Aaku Anwar Evans, Jersey Nariah Blakemore, Zayden Karter Ereyi. Joycelyn is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, god children, and special friends.

Order of Service

Processional / Viewing

Selection

Prayer

Scripture Readings Lossie E. Whitaker Thornton

Solo Alicia Bailey

Hymn “Amazing Grace” Congregation

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Reflections from Friends & Family L. Diane Jones Brown
Aaku Anwar Evans

Obituary

Solo Kyle Morris

Eulogy Bishop Claude L. Campbell, Pastor

Altar Call

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Cemetery, New Jersey

*Following the interment friends are invited to join the family for a repast
at Kings Family Restaurant, 557 Clinton Avenue • Newark, NJ 07108.*

To Those I Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me,
I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

Lovingly Submitted
The Family

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you individually and collectively.

Professional Services by:
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