

*Homegoing Celebration of Life and Love for*  
*Deborah Ann Dillhunt Lewis*

Sunrise:  
October 27, 1949

Sunset:  
March 26, 2015

**Service:**

Thursday, April 2, 2015 - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Charles A. West Funeral & Cremation Service**

34 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street

Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

**Reverend Sharone Davis-Smith, Officiating**

## Obituary

**Deborah Ann Dillhunt-Lewis**, the first born to the late Nellie and Henry Dillhunt, made her entrance on earth October 27, 1949. Nellie and Henry introduced Deborah to God at an early age. She was baptized in Jones Temple Pentecostal Church in 1959.

She attended Thomas Jefferson High School for a brief period, before enrolling into The Job Corp of Jersey City, New Jersey in 1967. After completing Job Corp, she briefly worked for Chase Bank, before finding her home at the United States Postal Service in 1974. While working for the Postal Service, Deborah decided to solidify her love for beauty, and received her certification in Cosmetology in 1993. She later retired from the Post Office in 2004 after thirty years of service.

Deborah, although soft spoken, was always very strong. She was a Polio survivor, a disease that was responsible for her need for painful spinal tap.

Deborah always made sure she mastered whatever endeavor she attempted. So it came as no surprise when her love for sewing, pattern making, and Arts & Crafts would produce phenomenal work. In fact, she was the give for personalized gifts. She also loved photography. She would not go anywhere without her camera, and was always taking pictures to capture memories. She also volunteered to help with Arts & Crafts in Vacation Bible School at St. John's Baptist Church for many years.

Deborah was a devoted mother who loved and adored her children, grandchildren, siblings, and friends. She loved cooking and baking! She would always look through her many cookbooks to find fresh dishes to make, and find new spins to put on her delectable recipes. Macaroni and Cheese, Pound Cake, Baked Ziti, Ribs and the Pineapple Coconut Cake that her younger sister, Valerie loved, just to name a few. Everyone loved Deborah's food! Lets not get started about her potato salad that was always requested at family functions. Nobody made Potato Salad like Deborah. However, the most cherished memories of Deborah will be her quiet spirit, bright smile, and her helping hand. In fact, she was always last to eat Family dinners. Always ensuring that everyone else was okay first.

There are things that death cannot do, fortunately. Death cannot cancel the contributions that a person makes in a lifetime. Nor can it limit the legacy a loved one leaves behind. Death cannot erase the experiences we hold dear. Nor can it mar the memories we keep near.

Deborah Lewis made her transition to be with God in eternity on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at her home in Jersey City. She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Nellie Dillhunt and a nephew, Omar. She will be truly missed by her family and friends.

Deborah Dillhunt-Lewis leaves her life to be celebrated, and love to be cherished: her two children, John Lewis (Whakeisha) of Newark, NJ and Aja Nealley of Bloomfield, NJ; four grandchildren, Brandon and Vanessa Lewis, Eliza Harris and Malik Morrison who she adopted through unconditional love; three brothers, William, Michael and Isaiah Dillhunt; one sister, Valerie Dillhunt; two great-grandchildren, Jaiden and Jaz'Myn; two special women whom she held dear to her heart, Annie and Josephine, two nieces, Danielle, Zuri and two nephews, Deshon and Michael and many other relatives and friends.

*Order of Celebration*

Officiant ..... Reverend Dorothy Grayson

Hymn ..... “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings .....Sister Linda Armstrong Gervasi  
Old Testament ..... Psalm 23  
New Testament ..... John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Sharon Davis-Smith

Selection ..... “Precious Lord”

Poem.....GiGi - Brandon & Vanessa Lewis - Grandchildren

Reflections.....2 Minutes Each Please  
Friends.....William, Michael & Isaiah Dillhunt  
Family ..... Brothers

Solo & Praise Dance ..... “Take Me To The King” - Danielle Dillhunt  
Jazyah A. Clark

Obituary & Acknowledgements ..... Josephine McEachin

Selection ..... “Going Up Yonder”

Eulogy.....Reverend Sharone Davis-Smith

Invitation

Recessional

*Following the Home Going Service, the family invites you to a  
fellowship collation at: James & Josephine McEachin  
312 Bergen Avenue - Jersey City, New Jersey 201-780-2507*

# *The Magic Of A Mother's Touch*

*There's magic in mother's touch,  
And sunshine in her smile  
There's love in everything she does  
To make our lives worthwhile  
We can find both love and courage  
Just by looking in her eyes  
Her laughter is a source of joy,  
Her words are warm and wise  
There is a kindness and compassion  
To be found in her embrace  
And we see the light of Heaven  
Shining from a mother's face.*

*-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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