

In Loving Memory of



Jacqueline Irene McConnell
"Forever Young"

Service

Tuesday, April 14, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

St. John's Baptist Church

2387 Morse Avenue

Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

Rev. Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Senior Pastor

Jacqueline's Life Story

Born on April 4th to Johnnie Mae Castleberry and Lomax Smith in Jersey City, NJ, she was beloved and nurtured by her grandmother Eliza Smith and Senia Smith. Her spiritual walk with God began at Salem Baptist Church and culminated in over thirty-five years of praise and worship at St. John's Baptist Church.

Jacqueline McConnell lived with a firm conviction to follow her heart wherever it took her. She was a trail blazer.

Jackie as she was called by her family and friends understood her passion for education, her thirst for knowledge, and her desire to serve others through her gift of teaching. She received a Master degree in Special Education from New Jersey City University in Jersey City. As an educator she served in her God given purpose, as a Teacher, Consultant, and District Supervisor. She was the Principal of Harrison Elementary School in Roselle for 10 years. She was an Assistant to the Superintendent of the Board of Education in Roselle. She also served as the Assistant County Superintendent and Special Assistant to the NJ Commissioner of Education in Trenton. For the past 8 years, she was an Adjunct Professor at William Patterson University, Wayne, NJ.

Jacqueline loved all of her students and made it her personal mission to bring out the best in each one, whether it was in passing in the hall way, in front of the class room, or through an initiative that she stood behind.

In her lifetime, Jacqueline was blessed beyond measure to find a wonderful husband of over thirty-nine years in Joseph McConnell, Jr. He loved, inspired and supported her, enabling her to shine her brightest. In their union they raised a wonderful son, Julian McConnell. She brought out the best in her brother and sister as well, loving them unconditionally through thick and thin. There is much love and laughter between the three that will live on in their hearts forever.

Jacqueline's life, wisdom, character, and passion, is her legacy, and she has touched the lives of all of those who knew her. Her laughter, down to earth swagger, happening sense of style, and overall presence will always be remembered and celebrated.

On Monday, April 6th, 2015, God called His faithful servant home.

She was predeceased by her son, Julian McConnell; father, Lomax Smith; and mothers: Johnnie Mae Castleberry and Senia Smith.

Jacqueline leaves behind to celebrate her life, her beloved husband, Joseph McConnell, Jr.; sister, Diane Berry; brother, Charles Smith; nieces, Veronica Smith, Tyler Berry, and Dominique Smith, who is also her God Daughter; sister-in-law, Rose Smith; brother-in-law, Clifford Berry; and Belita and Larry Brown, who were near to her heart and considered as close family; as well as extended members of the Castleberry, Manley, and Smith families. Numerous loving relatives and dear friends mourn her passage.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr., Senior Pastor, Officiating

Organ Prelude.....Ms. Johnetta Bush

The Invocation.....Reverend Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.

Hymn of Comfort“Pass Me Not”

The Written WordMarvin Robinson

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: II Corinthians 4:17-18

Condolences, Remarks and Acknowledgements

Gloria Taylor

Obituary.....Dorothy Robinson

The EulogyReverend Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.

Hymn of Consolation.....“Bye and Bye”

Closing Prayer..... Deacon Grant Crayton

The Benediction..... Reverend Dr. Kelmo C. Porter, Jr.

The RecessionalFamily and Friends of Jacqueline McConnell

Interment

Hillside Cemetery
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

*Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited
to return to the Church for a Repast.*

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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“Where Our Sympathy Expresses Itself Through Sincere Service”

Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Jacqueline Irene McConnell**

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

- Anonymous

Acknowledgement

The Family wishes a sincere thank you to
all of you, for love and kindness.

