

*In Loving Memory
of*



Vanessa J. Lawson

Sunrise

February 17, 1959

Sunset

April 18, 2015

Service

Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

The Madonna Multinational Home for Funerals

109 Howe Avenue • Passaic, New Jersey 07055

Rev. Dr. Aubrey Gregory, Officiating

Lawrence Mitchell, Organist

Obituary



Vanessa Joan Lawson, 56 of Paterson, NJ completed her earthly assignments on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Lakeview Advanced Care Center in Wayne, NJ after a brief illness. She was born in Paterson, NJ to James Lawson and Ella Ruth Johnson. She received her education in the Paterson Public School system. Vanessa gave birth to four lovely children Aquilla, Donald Jr., Chris and Vanetta all of whom were her pride and joy. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family without reservation and she always believed that people should be treated with respect.

She was a long time member of St. Luke's Baptist Church until family obligations and personal responsibilities consumed her time, but her faith in God was never challenged. Vanessa has always known God even from an early age. She was a woman of strong faith and that faith helped her to endure many hardships. She sacrificed her own well being to ensure that her family received the best that she had to offer. As stated by her children "she cared so much for everyone else, she forgot to care about herself."

We can all be encouraged by her life as she was always a very loving, sweet, adorable, and caring person. Her personality from infancy earned her the title of "Sweetcake". She was strong, committed, and faithful to her beliefs. She never backed down from supporting her children in any decision they chose to make. She continued to love and support them by showing them that there was a better way to life.

Vanessa was preceded in death by her father, James Lawson, mother, Ella Ruth Johnson, and sister, Delphine McCombs. She leaves to cherish her memories: husband, Donald Hadder; two sons, Donald Jr. and Chris Lawson; two daughters, Aquilla and Vanetta Lawson; sister, Sandra Johnson-Spruill (Gideon) and one brother, Rufus McCombs, Jr; three nieces, Tasha Johnson, Assata McCombs and Sakina Gleason; three nephews, Terence Johnson, Wali McCombs and Darrell Gleason; three great-nieces, Shani Gaylord, Na'Zyia Johnson and I'janiyah McCombs, Camilla McCombs; grandson, Xa'geir Dreher; and a host of family and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Prayer of Consolation.....Rev. Dr. Aubrey Gregory

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 65:24

New Testament - First Thessalonians 4: 16 - 18

Musical Selection..... *“Take Me To The King”*

Tribute from the Children.....Aquilla, Donald, Chris and Vanetta

Poem.....Anne Marie McClain

Acknowledgements.....Tasha Johnson

Obituary.....Na’Zyia Johnson

Musical Selection..... *“Going Up Yonder”*

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Aubrey Gregory

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Aubrey Gregory

Interment

St. Peter’s Cemetery
Garfield, New Jersey



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 gloom-filled rooms, 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 a 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, And
busy your sorrows in doing good
deeds. Miss me – but let me go.*

By Betty Miller

Acknowledgements

*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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For The Lawson Family And Professionally Directed by:*

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