

A Celebration of Life
Crystal Gisele Johnson

Sunrise
July 8, 1967

Sunset
April 23, 2015



Thursday, April 30, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

JOHN WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH

186 Van Winkle Street

East Rutherford, New Jersey

Rev. John A. Bazemore, Jr., Officiating

Reflections of Life

Crystal Gisele Johnson was born on July 8, 1967 at the St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, New Jersey and she was raised in East Orange, New Jersey. Crystal was educated in the East Orange School System and was a good student. She played the drums in 4th grade and did it very well. Crystal graduated from East Orange High School in 1986. She also attended the School of Dentistry sponsored by her high school; Essex County College of Newark and American Business Institute of Newark.

Crystal worked as a dental assistant in East Orange as a part of her training. She worked at various office jobs doing Telecommunications, including Meadowlands Hospital; she had a side line of working with a group who did talent scouting; she worked for the Recreation Center at the City Hall in East Orange; she drove a van transporting children for the Day Care 100 in East Orange. Prior to her death, she worked at Bergen Regional and East Rutherford assisting in the Recreation Department.

Crystal was a free spirited child and loved to play all kinds of sports and was very good at them. She ran track in school; she played basketball and tennis. When she was six years old she was on the Karate team at the East Orange Recreation Center. She was so good at Karate; they named her, Little China Doll.

Crystal was raised in a one parent household for a good part of her life. When her mother, Virmell remarried to Rev. Ernest Mitchell, Jr. (now deceased) he became a wonderful father to her children, in which Crystal was blessed to be a part of. Crystal was saved at an early age attending Greater Harvest C.O.G.I.C. Crystal became a member of the John Wesley Methodist Church in 1991 and was baptized by her Pastor (and Dad) the late Rev. Ernest Mitchell, Jr. She loved attending Sunday School every week and took an active part in this service. She was also a Missionary and in many ways her life touched others as she went about her daily living and loving to meet and greet everyone.

About twenty years ago, this vibrant, beautiful young lady developed MS, a dreadful disease and her life was never the same. However this "Free Spirited" young lady did not waiver, she became a "Little Trooper" and she inspired others by her determination to be independent and take care of her own business and living on her own.

Dear Crystal: Mommy misses you so much already. In closing I want to quote one of yours and my favorite scriptures for everyone to be encouraged. No matter what it looks like, no matter how it starts out or how it ends.. "This is the day that the LORD has made, we shall rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24. You will be missed by all whose life you've touched but it is comforting to know that you are resting eternally with JESUS our LORD and Savior.

Crystal was preceded in death by Rev. Mitchell Jr. (dad), her grandmother, Ruby, her paternal grandmother, Dorothea (grandma Dot), uncle, Clinton (Bubba), maternal grandfather, Winston (Pop).

She leaves to cherish her memories: her mother, Virmell; her sister, Iris (Walter); brothers, Reginald, Rev. Ernest III (Marion), Durell and Brian; grandmother, Priscilla; aunts, Pam, Marsha, Vivian and Jackie; uncle, Jerry; nieces, Deijah, Shatera, Krissy, Ernisha, Marissa, Keichaqia and Zyerika; nephews, Natwan, Ernest IV; great niece and nephew, Dasia and Jaxson; her dear friends, John; her best friend, Johnette (also mother of her goddaughter, Jewel); father, Durell (aka Slick) and a host of other cousins, relatives, Church family and friends. May GOD richly bless you all.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Faith

“When The Trumpet Of The Lord” pg. 497

Scripture of Consolation

Old Testament - Psalms 118:1-24

Rev. Cheryl Falls

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Evangelist Cheryl Middleton

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks

Acknowledgement of Cards and Resolutions

Rev. Gail Bazemore

Reflections of Life

Pamela White, Aunt

Selection / Solo

Message

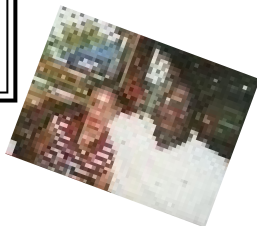
Rev. John Bazemore, Jr., Pastor

Closing Prayer

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey



I've Changed My Address



*I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.*

*I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place where you'll find me.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.*

*I now live forever with Jesus
in my new home in the sky.*

*I have no burdens or heartaches
and from tears I am now free.*

I've changed my address to Heaven,

That's the place to find me.

I've changed my address to Heaven,

I'm safe forevermore.

*For the Lord built a mansion
and my name is on the door.*

*You can find us walking together,
for where He is, I'll always be.*

*I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.*

-Author unknown

The family sends special thanks out to Anne & Doug, who were special friends to Crystal and were there for her even when we were not able to be. They were her "Roses in the bush" showed much favor towards her as she did towards them. Thank you and may GOD richly bless you both.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Crystal Gisele Johnson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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