

*Celebration of Life for*  
*Crystal Christine Durham*

**Sunrise**  
February 27, 1968

**Sunset**  
August 31, 2015

Friday, September 11, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**UNION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
221 Myrtle Avenue  
Passaic, New Jersey  
Rev. Kourtney Haigler, Pastor  
Rev. Bernard Durham, Officiating

# *Reflections of Life*

During the night of August 31, 2015, The Lord sent down an angel to bring home one of his children to his eternal kingdom. We were all shocked, saddened, and many of us had questions, but the Lord does not make any mistakes.

Crystal Christine Durham entered this life on February 27, 1968 at The Beth Israel Hospital in Passaic, NJ. Born to the Reverend Eugene Durham, Sr. and Jessie Mae Durham, Crystal was the youngest of five (5) children.

Crystal attended the Passaic School system and graduated from Passaic High School in June, 1986. After graduation, Crystal spent two years at William Paterson University. Realizing that she had another calling, Crystal went on to pursue the career that brought her the recognition that many people came to know her for, she received her Cosmetology Certification from The Wilfred Academy of Hair Design. Crystal was a true magician when it came to the art of hair and hair styling. Not only was Crystal a hair stylist of the highest quality, she was also a therapist, a confidant, a sister and a friend to everyone who met her. Crystal also loved her Pop Warner Football Team and cheerleaders. She served as the Vice President of Pop Warner Organization until Mark, Jr started high school. Crystal's gentle nature, her wit, and that smile will be engraved in our hearts forever!

Although Crystal loved her family, her friends and her craft, she also loved her Lord and Savior. In her early years, Crystal attended The Saint Paul Baptist Church in Passaic, NJ. As an adult, she attended the Agape Ministry Church in Rahway, NJ.

Crystal was a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. If you had the pleasure of being one of her clients at "The Shop", she always had a conversation about "Sha", Mark, Jr., Jamal and "Nana's girl" Zaniya. She let you know that her family was very important to her and she didn't "play" when it came to any one of them.

Crystal leaves to cherish precious and loving memories: her children, Shaniqua and Mark, Jr., her grandchildren, Jamal and Zaniya; her loving and caring mother, Jessie Mae Durham, her father, the Reverend Eugene Durham, Sr. (Dorothy); her sisters, Vanessa Watson and Gladys Green; stepsister, Terri Cousins; her brothers, Eugene "Newly" Durham and Anthony "Rabbit" Durham; two sisters-in-law, Norma Durham and Johnnie Lee Durham; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, clients of "The Shop", dear friends, co-workers and loved ones.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? Psalms 27: 1(A)*

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 27:1-6

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Words of Comfort

Musical Selection

Remarks ..... Jimmy Cook  
Shirley Colon  
Shanna Lynette Hawes

Reflections of Life

/Acknowledgements .....Carolyn McKinney Croix

Musical Selection

Eulogy.....*Rev. Bernard Durham*  
*Grace Bible Class, Passaic, NJ*

Committal

Recessional

**Interment**  
***Saturday, September 12, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.***  
**East Ridgelawn Cemetery**  
**Clifton, New Jersey**

# *Asleep*

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain  
and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding  
soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this  
was meant to be,  
I thank God because He came for me.  
-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late Crystal Christine Durham 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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