

Homegoing Service for
Dawn Victoria Grier-Johnson



Sunrise

April 4, 1964

Sunset

December 29, 2015

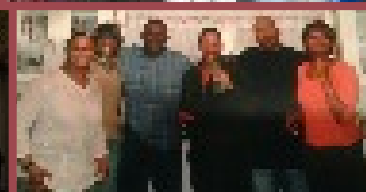
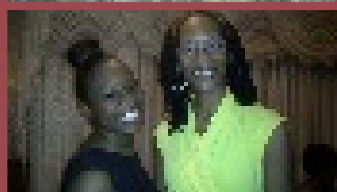
Wednesday, January 6, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

163 Autumn Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. W.L. McDowell, Pastor



Obituary



Dawn Victoria Grier Johnson was born April 4, 1964 to Mabel Vermell (Tatum) Grier and the late Thomas James Grier in Passaic, New Jersey.

Dawn accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized at an early age at the St. Paul's Baptist Church, Passaic NJ, under the leadership of the late Reverend Lucius Walker.

Dawn attended the Passaic School system and graduated from Passaic High School in 1982.

After graduating, Dawn was employed for several years at the Passaic General Hospital in the Dietary Department. She also modeled for the LTD International Modeling Agency and worked as a barmaid at the T&L Lounge, Passaic. Dawn also worked as a dedicated employee at Newly Destined Inc., a homeless shelter in Newark, New Jersey. She cared so much for those in need that every Monday, she would travel to her mother's home, gather up all of the home cooked leftovers and bring them to the shelter to help feed them. Her most recent employment, before becoming ill was at the Chestnut Convalescent Home, Passaic, New Jersey.

If you knew Dawn, you knew that she was a lively person. If you were ever in her presence when the song “*Set It Off*” came on, she would dance as if no one else was around.....*just twirling and dipping!* She was also a quiet comedian.

“*Vicky*” as her family & friends lovingly called her, had her own unique and precise way of doing things. For instance, it would take her forever to make her a cold cut sandwich. She had to make sure it was “just right!!!”; Or preparing her a bowl of spaghetti, making sure the garlic and the sugar were “equally balanced;” Or making sure the garbage cans were not incorrectly commingled....If so, then someone had to answer for that!!!!!! She was very, very particular!

Dawn was preceded in death by her husband, Percy E. Johnson (“P-Man”); her father, Thomas James (“Crazyhorse”) Grier; maternal grandparents, (Lewis and Annie Mae Tatum) and paternal grandparents, (Thomas and Mary Grier).

Dawn leaves to cherish precious memories: her “*Ray of Sunshine*” daughter, Taylor Dawn Grier Johnson of Passaic; stepson, Isaiah Williams of Newark; loving and devoted mother, Rev. Mabel V. Grier; stepfather, Rev. Samuel Grier Jr.; three sisters, Cora Marshette Taylor (Troy) of Teaneck, Mary Ann Grier of Paterson and Robin A. Taylor (Franklin) of West Orange; one brother, Jimmy Jon Cook of Passaic; two stepsisters, Fontella Howie of Paterson and Vern McCall of Connecticut; a loving and confidante aunt, Peggy Lee; a host of supportive aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends: Tina Thomas-Williams, Vernetta Harris, Cheri Freeman, Kathy Jefferson and Andrew J. Johnson; all who will miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn..... "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"
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Scripture Readings
Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort Minister Ashley Lipscomb

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Poem Keyshia Hargett

Expressions Family - Ms. Sylvia Lipscomb
Friend - Ms. Vernetta Harris

Remarks Deaconess Donna Hansford
Trustee Dave Johnson
Deacon Syvern Thomas

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Words of Comfort Deacon Michael Veal
Rev. Pamela D. Sallie

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Acknowledgements and Obituary Rita Sallie

Selection Mt. Pilgrim Choir

Eulogy Rev. Dr. W.L. McDowell

Recessional

-Interment-
Thursday, January 7, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
255 Main Avenue
Clifton, New Jersey



Heaven Needed You

Pain demands to be felt; happily your pain has finally ended.
God's timing is better than anyone's pain. He couldn't bear to see you eat another gallon of ice cream, pull the garbage to the front with a billion notes attached to it, or yell at the Mexicans for parking in your spot in front of the house.

Heaven needed you,

Your care for others never went unnoticed. Packing food at Wella's for the homeless, remembering and reminding everyone of a birthday, and trying to help others when you didn't have much to spare yourself. An angel in disguise; heart of gold; "Slick Vick"

Heaven needed you

No words can explain, the way I'm missing you, this emptiness, this hole that I'm inside; my tears, they tell their own story. One day we will meet again and I will be right by your side. Give dad a kiss for me. When we all reunite all pain, cancer, heartache, and suffering will be non-existent. Your presence will be missed here on earth but.... Heaven needed you more than me.

Love you forever,
Your daughter Taylor Johnson "Mellie"

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Dawn Victoria Grier-Johnson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to the family during this the hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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