

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**  
*Sarah H. Pinkney*

Sunrise: November 27, 1932 - Sunset: February 3, 2017



**Service:**

Monday, February 13, 2017 - 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

**METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
149 Springfield Avenue • Newark, New Jersey  
**Reverend Dr. Davis Jefferson, Sr., Pastor**  
**Rev. Bernard Wilks, Officiating**

## Obituary

*"I have fought good fight, I have finished my course, I kept the faith."  
II Timothy 4:7*

On Friday evening, February 3, 2017, Sarah H. Pinkney completed her Life's course and guided by the beautiful light of the Lord. She crossed over to be with HIM to claim the inheritance of God's Kingdom.

She was born November 27, 1932 to the late Maude Tuck and James Pinkney in Glenridge, NJ. Sarah better known as "Sassi". She attended schools in Montclair, NJ, after which received her cosmetology certification from Wilfred Academy Newark, NJ. Sassi started her career as a beautician/stylist at Carnegie's House of Beauty, East Orange, NJ. She was known for her cuts and styles. Patrons lined up with/without appointments to sit in her chair and after that... it was all up to her!

Sassi in 1970, was approached by the Ernest Howard, owner of the very small Peppermint Lounge Orange, NJ to come work there, at the time there were only 13 barstools. Sassi was sent to a Too Bartending School in New York City for professional training and certificate. Sassi was promoted to a manager. Not long after the Peppermint extended...to become the Peppermint Lounge Complex. Sassi was promoted to manager of "top of the Mint". She quickly became "Embassador of Good Will" with her charismatic style and care she had for her customers.

In 1990, John Steward, owner of John's Place Newark, NJ; hired Sassi. As a Mixologist, Sassi created designer drinks such as "the Mike Tyson, Shack Attack and etc". Sassi's name became Mama Sass with much love and respect. She retired from John's Place after twenty years. She became an entrepreneur of several businesses; a Jewelry Designer Business, A Framing Business, Co-owner of a Travel Business, Co-Owner of a Restaurant and Part owner of a clothing shop Business. Sassi was known as a "One Woman Wonder" throughout her ventures. She loved and cared for her friends and associates with love and respect.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Beulah (Fennie) Pinkney and Elaine (Sissy) Pinkney-McDowell and brothers, Nathaniel (Boozy) Pinkney and Reginald Pinkney.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her sister, Carrie Mae Harrison; brother, Robert Muhammed Pinkney; nephews, William Harrison and Douglas (Hunter Hayes) Pinkney; nieces, Lauren Pinkney-Atkins, Victoria Shepperson and Phillis Walker; sister/friend, Irene Reeves; long-time friend, Carol James; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Opening Hymn ..... Metropolitan Choir

Special Reading ..... Mary Harris

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Shirley Brannon

New Testament..... Elaine Pigford-Simmons

Musical Selection ..... Metropolitan Choir

Resolutions and Acknowledgements

Solo ..... Hunter Hayes, Sr.

Reflections ..... (2 minutes respectfully)

Selection ..... Metropolitan Choir

Obituary ..... Robin Lewis

Selection ..... Hunter Hayes, Jr.

Eulogy..... Rev. Bernard Wilks

Closing Remarks

Recessional



## *The Master Called*

I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

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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