

In Loving Memory of



Tanya Yvette Morris

December 13, 1970 – August 4, 2017

Service

Monday, August 14, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

SMITH MEMORIAL COGIC

16 Stratford Place • Newark, NJ 07108

Dr. Cornelius Evans, Officiating

Reflections of Life

The sun rose on Tanya Yvette Morris's life on Sunday, December 13, 1970. She was born in Newark, NJ to the late Glasco Morris and Laura Evans Morris. She was the youngest of six children. On Friday, August 4, 2017, the sun set when Tanya was called home to glory. Her life was a testament to many.

Tanya's education began at George Washington Carver Elementary School. However, her love and appreciation for learning never ceased. She was a graduate of Weequahic High School (diploma); a proud alum of Union County College (Associate's Degree); and active student at the University of Phoenix, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

Tanya was a devoted employee and 21-year veteran of Horizon Casualty Services in Newark, NJ. There, she served as a Case Manager -- a job in which she loved and excelled -- addressing and advocating for individual and family health needs.

A God-fearing woman, Tanya was a lover of ministry and an avid prayer warrior. On any given day, you could find her worshipping and praising at Smith Memorial Church of God In Christ, Newark, NJ and Deliverance Jesus Is Coming, Irvington, NJ in which she was a member. To have known Tanya was to love her. She was compassionate, dedicated, loving, and humorous; there was always a good laugh with her. She would extend herself beyond her own means to anyone in need at any given time, without hesitation. She maintained a youthful spirit and smile as beautiful as her soul in the face of adversity. Her special gift was her love and passion for her children and her grandchild, and the relationship she had with each of them.

Whether she was watching "Power" on Sundays with her two eldest children or enjoying "Pizza Night" every Friday with her youngest. Anyone who knew her knew that her "babies" were her heartbeat... and now, her legacy.

Tanya will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by those who loved her most. These include her eldest children, Keith Russell, IV and Naomi Russell (from a previous marriage to former spouse and longtime best friend Keith Robert Silk Russell, III); her youngest children, Zorian Damon and Zion Damon; grandson King Russell; mother Laura Morris (she was preceded by her beloved father Glasco Morris, Sr); sisters Joyce Roberson, Fredrica Morris, Gail Bellfield and Yolanda "Loni" Mendez; brother Glasco Morris, Jr.; beloved brother-in-law Maurice Bellfield (whom she fondly called "Big Poppa"); nieces Quiana, Danielle, and Kennedy; nephews Hakim, Daniel, and Harriel; goddaughter Jalaysia Evans; special friends Barbara Jones, Cheryl Bordeaux, and Lisa Gilliam; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, church family and friends.

Order of Service

DR. C.H. EVANS, PRESIDING
MASTER OF CERMONY
ELDER HARRY LAWRENCE

MUSICAL PRELUDE
Aaron Brown

PROCESSIONAL OF CLERGY & FAMILY
PRAYER OF COMFORT
Pastor Sam Turner
OLD TESTAMENT
ELDER HARRY LAWRENCE
NEW TESTAMENT
Evangelist Bernice Holmes
SELECTION
CHOIR

REMARKS (2 MINUTES PLEASE)
SERMONIC SOLO
SIS. CISELY BREEDEN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND OBITUARY
SIS. BARBARA TINDELL
SELECTION
CHOIR
SERMONIC SOLO
JUANITA DOUGLAS
EULOGY
DR. C.H. EVANS

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Fairmount Cemetary, 620 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ

REPAST AT SMITH MEMORIAL COGIC
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BURIAL

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sun on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there; I did not die.

-Mary Elizabeth Frye



Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation for all the prayers and acts of kindness during this difficult time of bereavement.

May God Bless You Always.

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