

Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins

Sunrise
November 8, 1937

Sunset
August 5, 2017



“Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name.”

Service

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 ~ 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul Baptist Church

119 Elm Street, Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Reverend Dr. Bernadette Glover, Pastor

Reverend Cranston Mitchell, Officiating ~ Eulogist

Organist:

Bo. Emory Lee

Bro. Myron Smith

Reverend Dr. Leora Liggins was born and reared in a Christian home in Millen, Georgia on November 8, 1937. She was the Blessed, and thankful daughter of the late Mr. James and Della Mitchell. At the age of 11, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, and joined Trinity Methodist Church in Millen. Dr. Liggins joined the Baptist Church in 1962 and was “Baptized” in Savannah Georgia in that same year. A faithful member of Imani Baptist Church of Christ, located in East Orange, New Jersey, she was called to preach by God and licensed to preach the gospel on June 26, 1994 by Rev. Moses Knott, Jr. and the official Ministry of Imani Baptist Church. She was appointed as one of the Associate Pastors of the ministerial staff. Upon the completion of her seminary studies under the pastorate of Rev. Knott, she was ordained on October 22, 2000. Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins became Pastor and Founder of Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church by the Holy Spirit of God on March 31, 2002 (Easter Sunday), which is a mission Church for Christ, in the highways and the byways for souls to be saved.

She earned an Associate Degree in Sociology at Essex County College, A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and a Masters Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ, a Masters Degree of Divinity from Drew University Theological School in May 2000 (cum laude), and a Doctorate of Theology Degree at Andersonville Theological Seminary in August 2008 (summa cum laude). She studied Christian Women Leadership, under the Billy Graham Study Team. She has also taught for six years at Essex County College as an Adjunct Professor.

Rev. Dr. Liggins retired after seventeen years as the Clinical Supervisor at UMDNJ (Now Rutgers)-UBHC-Extended Adult Partial Program in Newark. She worked in the Mental Health Profession for twenty-two years. She has served on several boards and received numerous Awards and Certifications of Recognition for Community Services.

Certification/License & Memberships: Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) & Certified Social Worker (CSW); The ABCNJ New Church Planning; ABC Ministers Counseling/ABC Essex Association & Six Years of ABC Committee on Professional Ministry & Church Relations; North Jersey District Missionary Baptist Association; East Orange Clergy Association; Essex County Commission on Aging; UMDNJ-Board of Concerned Citizens and Advisory Council of University Behavioral Health Center and Crisis Counselor at East Orange General and Newark Beth Israel Hospitals and Social Worker.

Dr. Rev. Leora Liggins was a very kind and elegant woman, mentor and second mother to many. She was a source of wisdom and inspiration to all she met. She enjoyed life, family members and friends, and was always there to brighten the lives of others. She was preceded in death by her husband, first-Gentleman Bro. Clarence Liggins.

Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins leaves to cherish her precious memories – a loving family; one daughter, Della Dunlap (Tyrone) of East Orange, NJ, five sons, Cranston Mitchell of South Orange, NJ, Kelvin Mitchell (Yolanda) of Union, NJ, Mardy Hankerson of East Orange, NJ, Robbin Hankerson (Samantha) of Somerset, NJ, and Waung Hankerson (Michelle) of Fernando Beach, FL; stepdaughter, Velma Liggins; Beloved Friend, Donald Givens (Fiance); grandchildren, Tamara Bradley, Lenora Hankerson, Nicole Hankerson-McRae, Shanzai Mitchell, Zurraie Mitchell, Corwin Mitchell, Tina Mitchell, Leora Mitchell, Tynia Keith, Reggie Blocker, Tyrenda Little, Destiny Hankerson, Imani Hankerson, Matthew Dow, Krystin Harris; one God daughter, Asher Marie Coates. Beloved Cousin Betty Jean; Beloved Friend Madie Mcdougal, great grandchildren, Allen Bradley, Sharee Bradley, Skylor Cox, Tseday Blocker, Noel Green, Maya Bell, KJ Bell, Matthew McRae, Trenten McRae; niece Delores Williams; nephews Donald Williams, Dock Williams, Doug Williams and David Williams and a host of nieces and nephews.

One of her most treasured scripture

Psalm 103 “Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, Bless his Holy Name.”

ORGAN PRELUDE

ORGANISTS: BRO. EMORY LEE (Franklin - Saint John's United Methodist Church • Newark, NJ)

BRO. MYRON SMITH (New Hope Baptist Church, East Orange)

PROCESSIONALCLERGY, FAMILY, TRI-BOARD & CHRIST RESURRECTION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

INVOCATION.....PASTOR MICHAEL J. JORDAN MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH EAST ORANGE, NJ

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING..... "I SURRENDER ALL" (Lead by Bro. Emory Lee)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT - PSALM 23.....Robbin Hankerson, Son

NEW TESTAMENT - Revelations 21: 1-7..... Kelvin Mitchell, Son

PRAYER OF COMFORT.REV. GERALDINE CLARK (Moderator Essex Association ABCNJ)

PRAISE DANCE.....MR. JOSHUA HOWARD/ St. James AME Church • Newark, NJ

SOLO.....WALK AROUND HEAVEN ALL DAY.TYRONE DUNLAP, SON-IN-LAW

REFLECTIONS (2 minutes please)

Rev. Hugh Harper (Christ Resurrection Missionary Baptist Church)

Dr. Elmo Familiaran (Interim Executive Min & Senior Regional Pastor/ABCNJ)

Rev. Miriam Mendez (Associate Regional Pastor ABCNJ)

Rev. Dana Owens (President East Orange Clergy)

Shanzaeya Mitchell (Granddaughter)

Kelvin Mitchell (Son)

Mrs. Madie McDougle (Dearest Friend)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS and RESOLUTIONS.....REV. MARSHA BUTLER (BRIDGE PASTOR OF NORTH NJ ASSOCIATION)

CRMBC RESOLUTION.....MINISTER TIFFANI GREEN

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE..... DEACON CAROLYN HUMPHRY (CRMBC)

SOLO.....THE LORD'S PRAYER.... BRO. TYRONE DUNLAP

EULOGY.....REV. CRANSTON MITCHELL (SON) CHRIST RESURRECTION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH EAST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

RECESSIONAL....."THANK YOU LORD".....LED BY REV. CRANSTON MITCHELL, CLERGY, FAMILY & CRMBC CHURCH FAMILY

Interment
ROSEDALE CEMETERY
408 ORANGE ROAD
MONTCLAIR, NJ 07042

REPAST

Following the interment family and friends are invited for a repast at the church fellowship hall: Saint Paul Baptist Church, 119 Elm Street Montclair, New Jersey 07042

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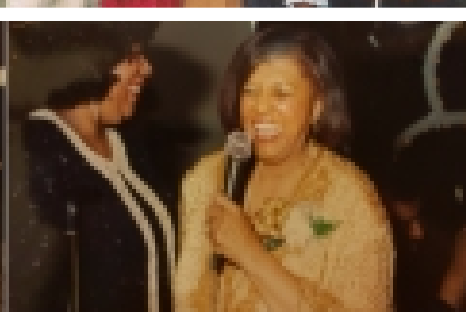
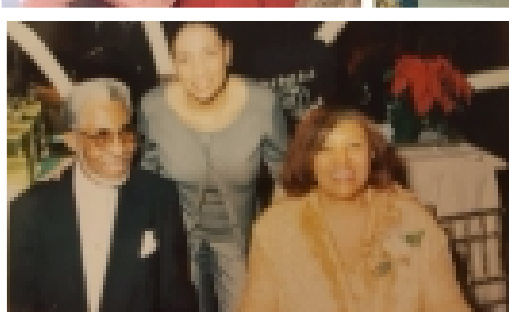
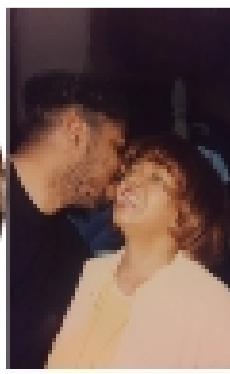
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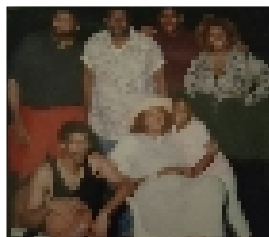
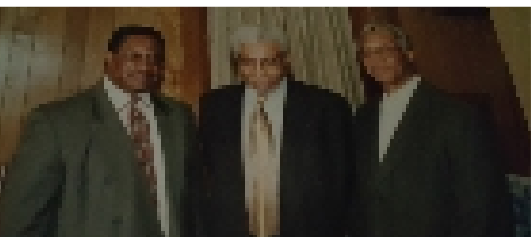
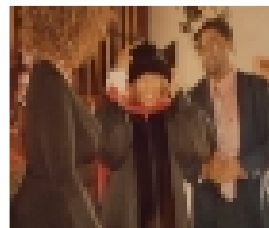
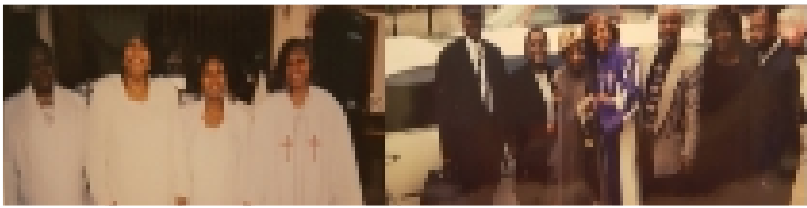
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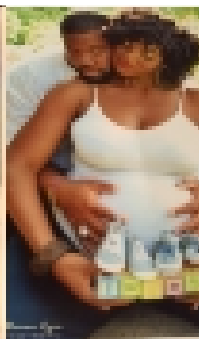
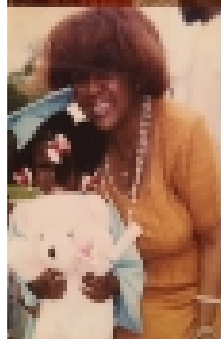
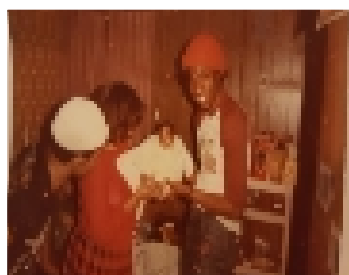




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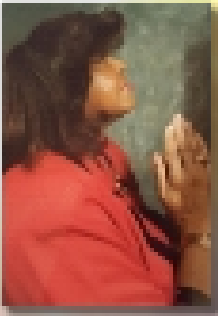




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Heaven Has Gained An Angel

*As you complete this temporary journey
you have embraced our hearts
Yes we mourn but realize this is where your life truly starts your smile sparkled
greater
than silver and gold. We're willing to let go of your hand so that God can grab
hold. We will always love you as you have continued to love us, all we ask now is
that you look down while you are above us we are grateful that God put us in the
midst of your presence we breathe with your memory and walk with your essence.
The Lord is our Shepherd He tends to us as sheep and mends the hearts that are
weak until one day we can shake his hand and sit at his feet we don't think of you
as a loss to our family that remains We cherish you as a beautiful angel that
heaven has gained!*

-Author unknown

Heart Felt Acknowledgements

*The family of **Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins** will remember and cherish the kindness of your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, messages and courtesies so graciously extended.*

Thank you and may God richly bless you.

Thanks to Dr. Ramsey Asmar- Advanced Care Oncology Team of West Orange for your dedicated care and love for our mother.

*Dr. Michael Gudkin for over 30 years of being her primary doctor and her friend.
And all the other medical professionals who took care of mom until the Lord said "Come home my Child."*

Gail Rhymes her loving Angel for your unconditional love and Tim Gibson for your ongoing Pastors chariot services whenever needed.

John Houston Professional Pallbearers

Special Thanks to Imani Baptist Church & Niah Fellowship Baptist Church for years of love, no words can express our deepest gratitude at this time but just wanted you to know that we "Thank you and love you."

To all the Churches in Essex County that she was affiliated with and beyond Thank you so much for loving our mother and providing us with all the cherish memories of her Spiritual Walk with the God.

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