

*Homegoing Service*  
*Celebrating the Life*

A portrait of Deborah Stevens, a Black woman with a warm smile, wearing a black headwrap and large hoop earrings. She is wearing a black top. The portrait is framed by a decorative border of pink cherry blossoms at the top and bottom.

*Deborah Stevens*

**Sunrise:**  
August 20, 1958

**Sunset:**  
September 10, 2018

*Service*

Saturday, September 15, 2018 ~ 10:00 am

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**

1002 Rivington Street, Roselle, New Jersey 07203

**Rev. Jeffrey Bryan, Pastor**

## *Life Reflections*

**Deborah Stevens** was born on August 20, 1958 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to Lorraine Stevens and the late great Willie Buster Stevens. She received her education in the Roselle Public School system in Roselle, New Jersey.

Debbie dedicated a decade of her professional career at George's One Hour Martinizing Cleaners in Roselle. She later joined Isfel Clothing Distributors in Rahway, New Jersey. Perhaps one of her most rewarding responsibilities, Debbie worked as a Security Officer at a number of elementary and high schools in Roselle. Even upon her departure from Roselle Public Schools, she frequently visited her school family; the Kindergarten students had a way of warming her heart and putting a smile on her face. Most recently, Debbie worked with New Jersey Turnpike Authority as a Toll Collector, sharing that infectious smile with every passing patron.

Debbie was an independent single mother with indomitable strength who adored her boys. To know her was to understand a mother's love for her sons, and in Debbie's case, she had double the tenderness. She loved to attend Broadway shows, the movies, shopping and attending social gatherings with family and friends. She was best known for her practical jokes with a hearty laugh. It was just the right motivation to make your bad day seem perfect and turn strangers into old friends. Debbie was known to get down in the kitchen, and she shared a passion of baking with her sister, Cherel.

On Monday, September 10, 2018, Debbie Stevens was called home to rest with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Debbie leaves to cherish her memory, her supportive mother, Lorraine Stevens; loving sons: Wise Howard Franklin Fish and Ryan Justice Sherman Fish; two sisters: Tanyda Stevens of Roselle, New Jersey, and Sandra Grant of Brooklyn, New York; granddaughter, Alyssca Kimora Fish of Newark, New Jersey; nephew, Jayden Isias Camacho all of Roselle, New Jersey; goddaughter, Tiffany Sandlin of Rahway, New Jersey; loving aunt, Elizabeth Joe of Washington, District of Columbia; uncle, Calvin Stevens of Bishopville, South Carolina; and a host of dear relatives and friends.

We will never understand why you had to go, but we know that God seldom makes mistakes. We will miss your blissful smile and unbelievable sense of humor. It is an amazing feat to swallow that you are gone from this Earth, but a beautiful soul lives on forever and memories that we will always treasure. Now your spirit has been set free, to be with your God, for eternity. Enfolded in love, as you soar on high but for a while, we must say goodbye. So, rest in peace, free from all pain, till we meet in again.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

# *Order Of Service*

Organ Prelude

Parting View

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Tamarah Grant

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Jeffrey Bryan

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosedale Memorial Park

Linden, New Jersey

**Immediately after the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to  
Return to the Church where a Repast will be served.**

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*Services Entrusted To:*

**G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC**

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Pallbearers

Family and Friends of **Deborah Stevens**

*Miss Me But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.*

*Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-author unknown*



*Acknowledgement*

The family of **Deborah Stevens** gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the many comforting expressions of love and prayers during the loss of our queen.

May God continue to bless and keep you.

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