

In Loving Memory of



Mrs. Joan V. Sutton

Sunrise
September 5, 1938

Sunset
December 3, 2018

Service:
Monday, December 10, 2018 - 11:00 am

Whigham Funeral Home
580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Joan Violet Keys was born on September 5, 1938 to the late Tucker and Ida Hair Keys in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She was the youngest of seven children. She attended school in Newark and graduated from Malcom X Shabazz High School, formerly known as Southside High. On January 27, 1957, Joan joined with Richard Leonard Slappy Sr. in matrimony. From their union her first son, Richard, was born.

Shortly after Richard's birth, Joan began her employment as a Teacher's Aide at Sacred Heart Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey.

In 1965, Joan met Anderson Walker Jr. and of that union, Rod, her youngest son was born. While nurturing and raising her children, she sought more education at Martland Hospital and was certified as an X-ray technician. She served Martland hospital in this capacity for several years.

In 1977, Joan met and fell in love with SFC David Sutton. They joined in holy matrimony in 1980 and together raised Richard and Rod. They were married for 31 years before David transitioned into heaven in April 2011.

In 1986, Joan became a Correctional Officer with the Essex County Department of Corrections in Caldwell, NJ. She retired in 2006 after completing 20 years of service. Joan was a member of The Batons, Inc., a black organization for correctional officers.

Joan often served as a pollster for the Newark Democratic committee, and also volunteered her time with the Girl Scouts of America, mentoring and assisting with fundraisers.

Joan was known as "the grandma diva", always stylishly dressed with a unique style and outspoken disposition that commanded attention when she entered a room. She was not easily forgotten.

Joan entered into God's glorious presence on Monday, December 3rd, 2018. She leaves an enduring legacy to one son, Rod L. Slappy-Sutton; two daughters-in law, Karen Slappy and Jean Mckie-Sutton; six grandchildren-Craig (Mecca), Danita, Richard, Paige, Justin and Alexander; six great grandchildren – Danielle, Crystal, Yahnasia, Anaiya, Yahmir, and Richard IV; one great great grandchild – Messiah, and a host of loving family and friends.

Joan was predeceased by her husband, David; son Richard; five sisters, Pecola Green, Marie Crudup, Evelyn Keys, Dolores Dent and Odessa Epps; and a brother, William "Sonny" Keys.

Rest well, our darling diva.

Order of Service

Rev. Judith Hester & William Keys, Presiding Officiates

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: John 14:2-3

Prayer

Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

Obituary & Acknowledgments

Remarks

Solo

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Entombment

Glendale Cemetery

Bloomfield, NJ

Psalm 100

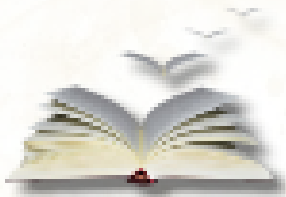
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.



Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mrs. Joan V. Sutton** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that were shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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