

*Celebrating The Life  
Of  
Loretta J. Nelson*

*Sunrise  
February 20, 1935*

*Sunset  
February 6, 2019*



*Sunday, February 10, 2019*

*Three O'clock P.M.*

**Woody "Home For Services"**

163 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

*Reverend Lula Baker, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Loretta J. Nelson** was born February 20, 1935 in Willow Grove, PA to Thaddeus Long and Elizabeth Polk. She moved to Brooklyn, New York in her early twenties, where she met and married the late Allen R. Nelson, and together they had six children; Eric Nelson, Roosevelt Nelson, Julius Nelson, Deborah Nelson, Kelvin Nelson & Mark Nelson.

Loretta moved to Philadelphia with her children in the early 1970's. After giving her life to Christ, Loretta then moved to Orange, New Jersey with her eldest son Eric in the early 1980's. Soon after arriving to Orange, Loretta got very involved with the things of God through church. She sang with various choirs and attended School of Ministry. Through her studies and dedication to her Christian walk, Loretta became an Ordained Minister, and led the Singles Ministry and many to Christ by how she lived and what she taught.

Loretta always had an open door policy and welcomed friends and family to her home to visit, study the word of God and conversate about matters of the heart. She was always there to listen, lend an ear or give sound advice. Cooking, traveling, reading (a lot), worshiping and educating others about her faith was a tremendous part of her life, and something she enjoyed immensely.

Loretta put herself through business school, was a self- taught computer user, had many trades and worked different occupations, but retired in her latter years from Seton Hall University as a Registrar for the undergraduates. After retirement, Loretta continued to teach, travel and train up those whom she encountered in the ways of Christ.

Loretta was a colon cancer survivor, stroke survivor and bounced back several times, beyond the doctors belief, as she allowed the Lord to restore her body, mind and fight her many battles, until He called her home. Loretta peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 6, 2019 at 9:46 a.m.

Loretta leaves to cherish her memory, her next to eldest son Roosevelt Nelson & his wife Chiquita Nelson, beloved grand-daughter Shinell V. Smith & her husband Lance. F. Smith & son Noah M. Hicks-Smith and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Sisters (in-Christ over 30 years) Antoinette Hauser & Ivy Abraham, Nieces, Nephews, Life Long Friends and Children in Christ.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents Thaddeus Long & Elizabeth Polk, and her children Eric Nelson, Julius Nelson, Deborah Nelson, Kelvin Nelson and Mark Nelson.

# *Order of Service*

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort ..... Norman N. Abraham, Sr.  
*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

Prayer of Comfort ..... Chiquita Nelson

Opening Scripture ..... Roosevelt Nelson  
*Psalms 118:24*  
*"This Is The Day That Lord Has Made"*

Solo ..... Francine Finley  
*"Changed"*

Remarks (2 minutes Please)

Solo ..... Francine Finley  
*"Grateful"*

Obituary ..... (Read Silently)

Solo ..... Francine Finley  
*"Going Up Yonder"*

Eulogy ..... The Rev. Lula Baker

Selection ..... *"Take Me to the King"*

Poem by Antoinette Hauser ..... read by Noah M. Hicks-Smith  
*"Life Deposit"*

Recessional ..... Clergy and family

# *Life Deposit*

DON'T CRY MY LIFE ISN'T  
OVER IT WILL NOW JUST BEGIN  
FOR IN YOU I LEFT MY DEPOSIT  
REJOICE MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
THE WORDS I SPOKE ABOUT JESUS  
WERE NOT IN VAIN NOR FELL ON DEATH  
EARS LOOK AROUND AT MY LIFE DEPOSIT  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ALL GATHERED HERE  
REMINISCE ABOUT WHAT I'VE TOLD YOU  
NOT ABOUT WHY I'M GONE  
THINK ABOUT THE REASONS I GAVE YOU  
TO MAKE HEAVEN A PLACE TO CALL HOME  
MY EARTHLY CLOCK NO LONGER IS TICKING  
TIME ON EARTH FOR ME STANDS STILL  
BUT IN HEAVEN I'M NOW REJOICING  
DOING MY FATHER'S PERFECT WILL  
SO CHEER UP MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
TEARS FOR ME PLEASE DO NOT SHED  
I'M NOW AT HOME WITH JESUS  
IN HIS BOSOM I NOW REST MY HEAD

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## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Loretta J. Nelson wishes to thank each of you for all acts of kindness, support and love shown during this time. May God continue to bless you.

*Flowers by: Ritz-Walton*

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