

*Home Going Service
Honoring*

Genevieve Austin



*Sunrise
December 4, 1955*

*Sunset
August 12, 2019*

Services

Sunday, August 18, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

EMMANUEL CHURCH OF CHRIST

54 Irvine Turner Blvd.

Newark, New Jersey 07103

Pastor Perry L. Gillespie, Sr., Officiating

Obituary

Genevieve Austin was born on December 4, 1955 to the late John and Thelma Austin in Newark, NJ. She departed this life on Monday, August 12, 2019 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ.

Genevieve, fondly called Gen, was raised in Newark, NJ where she graduated from Weequahic High School in 1973. She was employed by Wachovia Bank for 15 years, and prior to her departure, she worked as a Legal Secretary for well over 20 years for Genova Burns LLC, Newark, NJ.

Gen was a very devoted mother of twin boys, Keith and Kenneth. She spent her spare time reading - she was an avid reader, belonging to the Go on Girl Book Club. She was very talented and skilled with her hands. She was a great decorator. Her favorite colors were orange and purple, and it was evident throughout her home. She was a great baker and enjoyed sharing the goodies with family and friends.

Genevieve was baptized as a young girl at Calvary Baptist Church in Newark, NJ. However, she worshipped and became a devoted and longtime member of the Emmanuel Church of Christ in Newark; where she served for more than 40 years. Gen served on many ministries in the church, she managed the ATM accounts, and thoroughly enjoyed serving the mothers dinner on Mother's Day. She devoted herself to the bible studies held at the church on Wednesday nights - she was versed in the word and love the Lord.

Gen was a very independent and private person, one who believed in working and solving her own problems. No matter what she was going through in life, she always had a listening ear for others. She was a devoted servant - she believed in giving and serving others. She had a big heart, and for her to call you a friend, it was like calling you a family member.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her twin boys Keith of Hillside, NJ, and Kenneth (Angel) of Austin, TX; her sister Sandra Austin-Benn (Samuel) of Roselle, NJ, her lifelong friend, Judy Durr and two goddaughters, Kia and Jasmine Durr of Roselle, NJ, and a host of cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her parents- John and Thelma Austin and older sister Johnnie May Smith.

*In tears we watched you suffer, and little we could do
But hold your hand to comfort you, and pray to God to help you through.*

*The golden gates stood open God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful For He only takes the best.*

Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony Evang. Delores Matthews

Prayer of Comfort Evang. Catherine Gillespie

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Min. Jewel Patterson (Psalms 23:1-6)

New Testament..... Sis. Shantaa Young (St. John 14:1-4)

Musical Selection Emmanuel Choir

Reflections..... Family & Friends
(2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements and Obituary.....Sis. Margaret Searcy

Musical SelectionEmmanuel Choir

Eulogy..... Elder Perry L. Gillespie, Sr.

Recessional

(Repass directly following service)









May I go now? Do you think the time is right?
May I say good-bye to pain filled days and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best, an example I tried to be
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might
But something seemed to draw me now to a warm and loving light.

I want to go, I really do, and it's difficult to stay
But I tried as best I can to live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me, and share your love and fears
I know you're sad and afraid because I see your tears.
I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know
That my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.

Thank you for loving me, you know I love you too
That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you.
So hold me now, just one more time and let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.

I'm resting now, in peace with the Lord,
But my spirit shall always be with you.
The love I have for each of you even death can't take apart;
For I took that love along with me embedded in my heart.
Always think of the good times we shared, not the ones we could have had;
Continue to share those happy times,
Lift up your heads and don't be sad.
For only the Father knows for sure which one of us He'll call
He's taken me on to be with Him but remember I love you all.

Appreciation From Family

*The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind
deeds and comforting expression of sympathy extended to them
during their time of sorrow.*

"God Bless Each of You"

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