

# Reflections of Life

### Celebrating a Sweet Spirit

Janet Marie Burton was the fourth child of nine, was born to the late Florence Edith Schofield and Paul Henry Lipsey, on November 22, 1944 in NYC. Janet was raised by her loving parents, the late Zella and the late Deacon Charles Williams in Paterson, NJ. She grew up with a strong religious faith and attended church since her childhood. She was a member and choir singer of St. Augustine Presbyterian Church, and later joined Calvary Baptist, both in Paterson, NJ. She attended college and earned her associates degree in business. She worked in several administrative positions.

Janet's true passion was singing, playing the piano and attending church services. That is where she met the love of her life, Philip Lee Burton, Sr. They first set eyes at St. Augustine's. While their immediate introduction was not a fairy-tale match, Philip cleverly made his way into the family by getting her dad to like him first. He then became the man of her dreams, and they were joined in marriage on June 27, 1965. Through their union they had four loving children, Philip Jr., Lauren, Michael and Todd. With sadness, Janet was a pillar of strength when two of her sons preceded her in death, Philip Lee Burton Jr., and Dr., Reverend Michael Christopher Burton. We know that, both Lauren and Todd will continue to share the beauty of Janet's legacy through their own children, Leon & Makayla, and Anissa & Ayla.

Janet spent her life loving, caring and enjoying her family and her dog Bella. She could always be found at home, cooking, sipping some tea, or singing her favorite songs such as "God is" and "I Must Tell Jesus". When she wanted to add a touch of drama into her life, she would watch her daily soap operas, Janet was a genuine lady; she had sweet small voice and a loving soul. She emanated the most emotionally empowering gift, "The Gift of Love." In just a moment of time with her you were touched by her spirit.

Janet was also preceded in death by her brothers Bobby, John, and Percy Lipsey who are now rejoicing with her.

Janet will be missed; her gentleness will never be forgotten and she shall remain in each of our hearts. We can take comfort in knowing that Janet was ready to be with the Lord, and we know that she has secured a room in his mansion. She leaves to mourn yet cherish precious memories, Her Loving husband, Philip Burton Sr. her children Lauren and Todd Burton: her sisters; Florence Newcombe, Zella Delrow, Paula Ferran, Karen Bellamy, Cheryl Avelanette and her brother, Paul Lipsey, grandchildren Leon, Makayla, Anissa and Ayla, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

## Order of Service

Prelude
Processional
Selection
Scripture Readings
Prayer of Comfort
Selection
Acknowledgements & Remarks  * Donna (Walker) Morton (Niece)  * Deaconess Annabelle Jones  Deacon Jeanette Lyde
Reflections of Life
Selection
Words of ComfortRev. Gregory Edwards (Nephew)  Pastor of Resurrected Life Community Church, Allentown, PA
Selection"We'll Understand It By and By"
Recessional "God Is"

Interment
George Washington Memorial Park
234 Paramus Rd., Paramus, New Jersey

# Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

# Heknowledgement

The family of the late **Janet Lipsey Burton** would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your prayers, cards and encouraging words of comfort.

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