

*In Loving Memory of*



# Almeta Fant

*Sunrise*  
August 6, 1946

*Sunset*  
January 9, 2020

Service

Saturday, January 18, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

**Trinity U.A.M.E. Church**

226 Warren Street • Newark, New Jersey  
Rev. Denise Phillips-Clark, Officiating  
Bishop Adolphus Scott, Jr., Eulogist

**PALL BEARERS**

GRAND SONS  
ELLIOTT FANT  
ALEEM FANT  
ALTERICK FANT

NEPHEWS  
ISAAC FANT  
CORNEILIUS DUNCAN  
SAQUAN MARSHALL

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to thank and recognize all involved with the care of our beloved Almeta Fant.*

*Nurses, home health aides, Trinitas Hospital, all of her doctors, prayer warriors, well wishers, friends, frequent callers, anyone who visited and/or shared a kind word or mainly...the Word....*

*Thank you to Cotton Funeral Home.*

*Special thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the King, for allowing us to have shared in this life with her.*

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## My Personal Salvation Experience

Almeta Fant

Trinity UAME

October 7, 2016

### MY PERSONAL SALVATION EXPERIENCE 2

#### My Personal Salvation Experience

During the spring and summer each a tradition in the Baptist Church is to have a revival.

All candidates will sit on mourner's bench. In August of 1958, it was my turn. On the third night of revival, six of us had prayed and the church sang

and prayed with us. This night was different. It felt like I was having real conversation with the Lord. It was such a happy light feeling my body was trembling and tingling, my belly hurting with a pain of joy I can't describe, then I fainted. When I woke up I was still thanking and praising God. The next morning, my grandma said, "How do you feel? Do you feel like new?" I answered, "Yes Lord." My grandmother then asked "When you look around, how does it look?" I told her everything looks brand new. My life changed forever that day.

Amen, Thank you Jesus.



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Musical Prelude ..... Bro. John Booth, Bro. William Lane,  
Bro. Michael Morris

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Officiant ..... Rev. Denise Phillips-Clark

Congregational Hymn ..... (Almeta's favorite hymn)  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Scriptures:

Old Testament ..... Rev. Maggie Howard,  
Stapleton U.A.M.E. Church Staten Island, NY

New Testament ..... Evangelist Terry Colbert

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Joseph Bash,  
St. Paul U.A.M.E. Church New Haven, CT

Selection ..... Rev. Mattie Council

Remarks ..... Charlotte Brown, U.Y.N.J.  
Elliott Fant, Grandson  
Jordyn Fant, Granddaughter  
Rashida Morris-Fant, niece

Selection

Remarks from Clergy

Reading of Acknowledgements  
and Resolutions ..... Rev. Cathy Lane

Obituary ..... Local Preacher Adolphus Scott, III

Eulogy ..... Bishop Adolphus Scott, Jr.,  
Presiding Prelate of 2nd, 3rd and 5th Episcopal Districts  
of the Union American Methodist Episcopal  
Church, Pastor of Trinity U.A.M.E. Church

**INTERMENT**  
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*Almeta Fant was born August 06, 1946 to Mary Louise Smith and William Howard Fant; she was the eldest of six children. She attended St. Matthews Elementary in Camden, South Carolina and raised on her grandparents Mary and Willie Smith's farm until her family moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1959 where subsequently, she and the family became members of Trinity U.A.M.E. Church.*

*She accepted Jesus Christ to be her Lord and Savior at an early age and has served faithfully.*

*After graduating from Central High School in 1964, she was accepted at Martland Hospital School of Nursing. Then after completing surgical nursing training she continued to work for the hospital for 7 years. She then attended Upsala College and majored in social work.*

*After the riots in 1967, she was offered many opportunities with the city of Newark, where she worked for the next 30 years training people through Comprehensive Employment Development Services. One of which was the S.Y.E.T.P (Summer Youth Employee Training Program) under the Gibson era. Through this program she assisted in developing satellite Community Health Centers to provide health care projects to accommodate the homeless population of Newark where she opened 5 women shelters, 8 men shelters and 2 co-ed shelters for homeless single families.*

*During the 1980's, she was the coordinator for the late Kenneth A. Gibson's campaign for Mayor. She continued to work for the city of Newark until retirement in 1993.*

*Coming out of retirement in 1995, she went to sales as a new career. She was a successful automobile certified sales consultant for Daimler Chrysler Corporation and Volkswagen Academy (H&D Linden Automart). At her retirement in 2006, she received numerous awards and the highest recognition for certification and sales.*

*Despite her busy life, Almeta held many offices at Trinity, one being a Trustee. After serving as a trustee, she was appointed to the steward board as the pastor steward by the now Bishop Adolphus Scott, Jr. She also was given the charge to start a 6 a.m. prayer ministry, which was successfully implemented for over 20 years. At this time, she took ETA classes to help with the responsibility of her appointment as the pastor steward and she continued to serve on the steward board while mentoring and encouraging her brother-in-law, Michael Morris to become the next pastor steward.*

*Almeta encouraged her siblings how to give to the homeless and the community even to all who were less fortunate. She held jobs at Bristol-Meyers, she was a forensic photographer for the Newark Police Department, and she worked in the emergency room at Irvington Hospital.*

*Almeta was always giving, loving and willing to give her last to support whomever she came in contact with. She had a great sense of humor and loved to dance....Almeta style. She enjoyed teaching culture, etiquette and good sense to her nieces and nephews of whom which she helped to raise. She was a fantastic cook and loved to eat, chat and take adventures.*

*Almeta was very popular and gave a special piece of herself to everyone she came into contact with. She was very vibrant, strong and full of life and always showing the love of Christ in every situation. She relished in being supportive to her family and friends no matter what it took.*

*Almeta had a great love for her church and enjoyed taking trips with the church and attending any event she could get to, especially to fellowship with other unionites from across the districts.*

*Almeta had a special love for her Bishop Adolphus Scott, Jr., whom she always prayed for. Special ministerial friends such as Rev. Maggie Howard, Rev. Mattie Council and Rev. Joseph Bash she looked forward to speaking to and many others; she adored the conference and her church.*

*On Thursday evening, January 09, 2020, our merciful God allowed her to suffer no more and called her to her up to Him.*

*Almeta was preceded in death by one daughter, Penny Eudora Fant-Hendricks; mother, Mary Louise Smith; one brother, Isaac Fant; one sister, Sandra Yvonne Duncan; two sisters-in-law, Denise Fant and Arlifulia (Ann) Fant and best friends, Ruth Ann Turner and Patricia Renee Casey. She leaves behind her love and memories to her father, William Howard Fant of Roselle, NJ; two daughters, Candace Renee Fant and Bianca Denise Fant of Roselle, NJ; two brothers, William Earl Fant, Gregory Charles Fant, and one sister, Robin Dale Fant; one brother in love with a very special bond, Michael Morris; six grandchildren, Elliott Juan (Hendricks) Fant, Yasmin Larelle Brianna Green (Tyshawn), Aleem Jahad-Abdul Fant, Alterick Shahmad Fant, Briana Denise Paulette Fant, and Jordyn Denise Fant; four great grandchildren, Kiara Tanisha Joy Fant, Gabriella Nicole Fant-Reyes, Liam Wyatt Fant, and Tahim Shahmad Fant; one god father, her uncle, Boyd Smith (Dorothy) and god mother her aunt, Ethel Mae Milton of Texas, uncle, Willie Smith (Vera) of Maryland, aunt, Cornelia Gladys Sala-Hudin of Maryland. Extended Family: Linda Norton and family, Toni Benefield and family, Patricia Casey, Jr. and family, Clemonteen McCummings and family and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close relatives, friends and loved ones.*