

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude .....Organist - Mr. Kiyamma Griffin
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Opening Hymn .....Mr. BJ Adams
- Scripture Reading  
 Old Testament: Psalm 23.....Sister Candy Young  
 New Testament: Romans 8:28
- Prayer of comfort
- Grandchild's Reflection .....Ms. Talitha Diggs
- Son's Reflection.....Mr. J.J. Clark
- Solo.....Minister William Moore
- Remarks.....Mrs. Naomi Slater  
 Mr. Michael Gilliam
- Resolution and Acknowledgements
- Silent Obituary Reading.....Video
- Solo.....Minister William Moore
- Eulogy.....Evangelist Leslie Clark-Headley
- Benediction
- Recessional

**INTERMENT**  
 Evergreen Cemetery  
 Hillside, New Jersey

**Repast**  
*Immediately following the Interment family  
 and friends are invited for a repast at:*  
**St. Paul Sounds of Praise**



*We love you Mommy, G-Ma, Auntie, Mom Clark, Jettie  
 Jet, Jetta Mae, Squeeze*

## *Mom*

The patience and forgiveness  
 that are part of every day,  
 The unexpected "little things"  
 Mom did in her own way.  
 Years go by before we can  
 look back on life and see  
 Through older eyes and wiser hearts  
 Mom's love and loyalty,  
 And yet it's these  
 and other special things  
 we'll hold so dear,  
 For memories of  
 her steadfast love  
 will keep her ever near.  
 May your memories  
 of our mother's love  
 bring comfort  
 and peace of heart  
 now and through the days ahead.  
 We love you: Mommy~

**Pallbearers**

J.J. Clark	Jorell Clark
Michael Gilliam	Kenyatta Campbell
Tyrone Johnson	Ronald Diggs
Tony Weeks	

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Jetta M. Clark** would like to express our sincere appreciation. May God bless each of you.

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# *A Celebration of Life*



## *Jetta M. Clark*

**Sunrise: May 26, 1938**  
**Sunset: March 13, 2020**

**Service**  
**Friday, March 20, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

**St. Paul Sounds of Praise**  
 587-593 18th Street • Newark, New Jersey  
**Bishop Timothy W. Griffin II, Pastor**  
**Evangelist Leslie Clark-Headley, Eulogist**



## *Life Reflections*

Jetta M. Barber Clark was born on May 26, 1938 in Donalsonville, Georgia to the late Lit Barber and Ora Bell Coleman. Jetta came to Newark, New Jersey in 1945 and was raised and educated in the Newark Public School system. Jetta attended Cleveland Middle School and in 1957 she graduated from West Side High School.

While at West Side, Jetta had many friends, enjoyed playing sports, was a majorette and developed a passion for beauty/hair. Jetta had an effervescent personality and in her yearbook it was written that Jetta had, "A smile for every friend and a friend for every smile." Everyone enjoyed her kind spirit and her ability to give and help people along the way. While in high school Jetta dreamed of being a model and having a beauty salon. Even though the time period in which she lived was not very receptive to her modeling career and beauty business. That did not stop her from being an entrepreneur fashion diva, with dresses made by her mother, and having some of the best bee hives and other hair styles around.

Jetta, knew that one day she would have her own salon, but in the meantime she would embrace and enjoy her current life. Jetta worked in New York Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, until she finally got the call that she was accepted into cosmetology school. This was a trailblazing moment because Jetta and three others were the first black women to desegregate the beauty school. Jetta graduated from beauty school and started her first job with Sister Sadie's Beauty Parlor on Bergen Street. During that time Jetta taught piano lessons, sang and played the piano at weddings.

Jetta married Joe L. Clark and they had a daughter Joetta and two years later they had a son Joe L. Clark, II, "J.J." The couple raised their children on Scheerer Avenue in Newark, NJ. She remained there for 52 years before she moved to Pennsylvania with her daughter Joetta. During her time on Scheerer Avenue she was a devout member on Metropolitan Baptist Church. Jetta started her own business "Jetta's Beauty Salon." She was the president of the block committee, instrumental in the PTA and she was a mother to many boys and girls from various parts of Essex County and beyond. Jetta was very interested in community, education, activities and politics. You could always find Jetta being vocal at board and city meetings and joining forces with Mayor Gibson, Mayor James and Mayor Booker. Jetta also had some of the biggest parties in Newark in her backyard that would bring together friends, strangers and politicians from all of Essex County.

Jetta had a need for speed and she drove a 1968 white Mustang. She was a speed racer as she navigated the car with eight passengers that was designed for five passengers. Jetta drove her friends everywhere especially to Atlantic City to the Casino or to

see Johnny Mathis in concert. When Jetta was not driving she was flying all over the world with her dear friend Judy Campbell. She also traveled all over the world when her children started running and making USA Track & Field Teams. Jetta traveled to the 1988, 1992, 1996 & 2000 Olympic Games to watch her daughter run and her son coach. She traveled to these meets with Viola Campbell, Delores Cox and Jackie DeFares. Everyone knows her favorite track highlight was when the Clark family went 1, 2 & 3 in the 800m and "J.J." was the coach. Jetta was the track & field mother that the athletes enjoyed talking to especially because she would have her fried chicken, sandwiches, spaghetti & meatballs and her delicious cream cheese pound cake.

Jetta retired and enjoyed her granddaughter Talitha who she affectionately called, "T-Star" and her grandson Jorell. They loved their grandma who they called "G-Ma."

How would you describe Jetta M. Clark? Some words that could come to mind with both family and friends are: Christian, Squeeze, Wonderful, Caring, Family Oriented, Engaging Smile, Stylish Dresser, Wise, Friend, Honest, Loyal, Forgiving, Great Dancer, Mentor, Cook, Positive, Fun, Direct, Generous, Great Character. Jetta left a legacy with us all that will be remembered forever.

In her last years of life, she loved to tell everyone how Great God is, share her many stories, go to the casino and watch Family Feud. Jetta never complained. Jetta was thankful for her extended family that faithfully took care of her: Tracy Alston, Wandra Cain, China Cash, Nurse Jay, Renee Lovett, Candy Young, Michael Gilliam, Tyrone Johnson and Tony Weeks.

On March 13, 2020, Jetta was surrounded by her family as she was called home to be with the Lord. Jetta was preceded in death by her father and mother, three sisters Trudie Mae Gray, Pearl Barber and Jearldine Barber, four brothers, Willie Barber, Lonnie Barber, Ramond Barber and Earnest Barber.

She leaves behind to cherish her precious memory: her daughter Joetta Clark Diggs, her son Joe L. Clark "J.J." her fairy God Daughter Hazel, "Peachy" Clark McIlwain, two grandchildren, Talitha "T-Star" LaNae Clark Diggs, Jorell Miles Clark, cousin, Robbie Mae Kinder, niece, Sabrina Gray, great niece, Kimberly Jetta Gray, daughter-in-law, Jearl Miles-Clark, son-in-law Ronald Diggs, god son, Alfred Ishmal, two great great nephews, Kaleef Gray, Quamir Brown and a host of loving relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted,  
The Family

# Precious



# Memories