



*In Loving
Memory of*

Janet Geneva Drakeford

April 19, 1962 - August 20, 2021

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021 - 3:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Richard Clark III, Officiating



Janet Geneva Drakeford was born to Gloria and Robert Forte' on April 19, 1962, along with her twin brother James.

Janet grew up in the city of Newark, where she attended Madison Ave School, 7th Avenue School and West Side High School. It was at 7th Avenue where she met the love of her life and future husband Stanley Drakeford. They were inseparable like two peas in a pod.

As their relationship grew stronger, they welcomed their first child, Melissa in March of 1981 and later married in September of 1982. They moved to Germany soon after because of Stanley's military placement for the Army. During their marriage they lived in Texas and North Carolina due to Stanley's military obligations. In June of 1984 they welcomed their second child a baby boy, Stanley R. Drakeford.

After living a military wife's life, Janet relocated back to New Jersey and began a career working for a military base in Bayonne, New Jersey where she was a clerk until 1992. Janet later welcomed her third child, Joshua T. Douglas in January of 1994.

Janet was about handling her business but having a good time as well. Janet loved to be around family, laugh and tell stories. She had a fun-loving spirit; she loved to dance and have a good time.

Her time came on Friday, August 20, 2021 at East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, NJ. The last thing she said to her children was, she was proud of them, and they did good. "Real Good".

Janet was preceded in death by parents Gloria and Robert Forte'; her twin brother James and her sisters Fernethia Sherry and Denise.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her Ex-husband, Stanley Drakeford; three children, Melissa Allison (Curt), Stanley R. Drakeford and Joshua Douglas. Her five grandchildren; Geneva, Michael, Stanley Jr., Michelle, and Matthew; Sister Gloria McClean. A host of other family members such as her cousins Stevonne and Allegra; her nieces and nephews and her God Brother Kevin Joy.

Janet is in a better place right now and she is not suffering anymore. She was a fighter, and she lived a full life. She is in a better place; she is at peace and as she would always say. "I'm alright".

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

CREMATION

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

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The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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