

Celebrating the Life of
Thomasina "Sister" Lawson



Sunrise: June 17, 1945
Sunset: August 20, 2021

Monday, August 30, 2021 -5PM

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Reverend Harrison Stukes, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Thomasina “Sister” Lawson was born on June 17, 1945 to the late Willie T. Smith and Fozzer Harvin Smith in Summerton, South Carolina.

Her mom, along with her four siblings left South Carolina and moved to Harlem. She graduated from Julia Richman High School in 1963. She was enrolled in Richman’s Licensed Practical Nurses’ Program. She later went on to get her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from City College in 1975. After working as a Nurse for almost 40 years, she finally retired as a Supervisor of Nursing from Bronx Psychiatric Center in 2009. After retirement, she began volunteering at the Hebrew Hospital Home of Co-op City.

She was a devoted, aunt, grandmother, mother and sister. She enjoyed taking trips with her grandkids to South Carolina every summer. She went on cruises with her girlfriends and loved to plan family events. She was a member of the historic Emanuel A.M.E. Church of Harlem, since she was a child.

She departed from us in the early morning hours on August 20, 2021. She leaves to cherish her fond memories: her two siblings, Joe (Catherine) Smith of Queens, NY and Leah Mason of Westville, NJ; two daughters, Wanda Booker of Piscataway, NJ and Tonya Lawson of Bronx, NY; her three grandchildren, Asia Gadsden of Bronx, NY, LaQuasia Jackson of Decatur, GA and Donte Jackson of Bronx, NY; one great grandson who is expected to arrive in October; and a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

“Amazing Grace”

Scripture

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer

Selection

“Precious Lord”

Obituary

Donte Jackson

Poem/Remarks

Linda Greene
Asia Gadsden
LaQuasia Jackson

Eulogy

Reverend Harrison Stukes, Jr.

Selection

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery, Linden, 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 path 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 forever.

Acknowledgement

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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