

A portrait of an elderly African American woman, Ann Joyce Kimbrough, with short, styled hair. She is wearing a red top and a pearl necklace. The background is a soft-focus image of white lilies.

*Homegoing Service,
Celebrating a Life
Well Lived*

Ann Joyce Kimbrough

Sunrise
September 26, 1932

Sunset
September 9, 2021

Service

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Private Family Viewing: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Public Visitation: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Service: 1:00 p.m.

Bethel AME Church

59 Spring Street • Morristown, New Jersey 07960

Officiating: Rev. Dr. Sidney S. Williams, Jr & Rev. Elizabeth Cotten

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude

Opening Hymn.....“Amazing Grace”

InvocationClergy

Scripture Readings Sis. Gibson

 Old Testament..... Psalm 23: 1-4

 New Testament Philippians 4: 4-7

Prayer of ComfortClergy

Selection.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow - Marilyn Blackman Garrett

Expressions Charlene Anderson & Robert Tucker

Acknowledgements..... Sis. Gibson

Obituary Reading (silently read)

Selection/Hymn.....“Goin’ up Yonder”

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Sidney S. Williams, Jr

Benediction

Final Instructions

Recessional

Obituary

Ann Joyce Kimbrough was the daughter of the late Albert and Gladys Epps Kimbrough. She was born on September 26, 1932, in Morristown, New Jersey. She was a lifelong resident of the Collinsville Section of Morris Township, New Jersey and educated in the Morris Township School District. Ann graduated from Morristown High School in 1950.

Ann held various positions in her employment. One of her favorites was being employed at Epstein Department Store in Morristown, New Jersey as an elevator operator. She enjoyed meeting and interacting with so many different people. It made her job even more enjoyable. She held a clerical position at Aetna Insurance in Parsippany, New Jersey, retiring in 1996.

Ann was a lifelong member of Bethel AME Church of Morristown, where she served faithfully as a Stewardess and Missionary.

Ann was a great loving and caring Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin, and a Cherished friend of Ms. Mary Henderson. Through it all, with God's help, raising her children and subsequently her grandchildren was considered the greatest gift of her life. She will always be remembered as one of the Collinsville "Moms". For several generations, Ann had an open-door policy for the neighborhood children. She created a safe space for good times and lots of fond memories. There were times she had to put her foot down, as "Moms" often do, but everyone knew they were always welcome at Ms Kimbrough's home. She was a pillar of the Collinsville community.

Ann was predeceased by her daughter Ernestine and two brothers Alfred and Robert (Bobby) Kimbrough.

Ann transitioned this life leaving to cherish her memory, Five sons; Robert Kimbrough and Ronald Kimbrough both of Morristown, NJ; Terry Kimbrough (Diane) of Rockaway, NJ; Barry Kimbrough of Rahway, NJ; and Jerome Kimbrough of Middletown OH (Heather); a daughter Charddie Love of Rockaway NJ; a brother Thomas Kimbrough of Middletown, OH, and a sister Ruby Jones of Morristown, NJ; 16 grandchildren, 35 great-grand; 2 great-great grand and a host of family and friends.

The family of Ann Joyce Kimbrough would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, and cards.

Gone, But Never To Be Forgotten

2 Corinthians 1:3

What a wonderful God we have-he is the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials.

Gone, but not forgotten. In our hearts you will forever be.

Although right now our hearts are heavy, but if we remain faithful to God, once again, you, we will see. We weep, we mourn, because surely you are missed. But the weeping will last for only a night, because God has already promised that in the morning there would be joy and his promises are never amiss. Not only does He see the tears in our eyes, but He also sees the heart when it is made to weep. Every tear He will wipe away and every broken heart He will mend. Because all of his Promises he does keep. He is an on time God. Never too early and of course He is never late. And all that we have to do is to be still, know that he is God, and on Him just wait. So fret not, or let your hearts troubled be. Because our loved one is no longer suffering, but at long last she knows God's sweet everlasting PEACE. So rejoice! Once again I say rejoice. Because as Ann tarried in the Beautiful Garden of Prayer, she most certainly heeded the Master's Voice. Come Home my child, come Home my child. You I await. And for you I have already opened the Gate.

Psalm 121:1-3

I will lift up my eyes onto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not suffer my foot to be moved: he who watches over you will never slumber or sleep.

Prayerfully and tearfully submitted.

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*Jeffery Gibson • Robert Tucker
Antoine Holder • Jon Hairston
Keith Dorsey • Cardel Henderson*

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude to each of you for your prayers, phone calls, visitations and other acts of love and kindness. May God continue to shower his blessings upon each of you.

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