

*Forever In Our Hearts*

*Celebrating*  
**THE**  
*Life*  
**OF**

*Cathy Dent Battle*

Sunrise:  
November 29, 1958

Sunset:  
October 24, 2021

**SERVICE:**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 - 11:00 AM**

**ELMWOOD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

135 Elmwood Avenue • East Orange, NJ 07018

**Reverend Maria Crompton, Senior Pastor**

**Reverend Dana Owens, Officiating**

**Reverend Dr. Jerry Michael Sanders, Eulogist**

**Myron Smith, Organist**

# *Worship & Celebration*

Organ Prelude .....	Myron Smith, Organist
Invocation .....	Reverend Dana Owens <i>Messiah Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ</i>
Scripture Readings .....	Colonel Bobby Battle - Brother-in-law
Old Testament - Psalm 23	
New Testaments - John 14:1-6	
Prayer of Comfort .....	Reverend Dana Owens
Musical Selection.....	“Wind Beneath My Wings” - Tyrone Dunlap
Acknowledgements.....	Cindy Dent-Scott, Sister
Poem “Phenomenal Woman,” .....	Eyvonne Wilson, Sister-in-law
Expressions of Love & Remembrance.....	Family & Friends
Poem “I’m Free” .....	Rachel Ariel Hester, Cousin
Obituary Reading .....	Reginald Davis, Nephew
Musical Selection.....	“Going Up Yonder” - Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy .....	Reverend Dr. Jerry Michael Sanders <i>Fountain Baptist Church, Summit, NJ</i>
Benediction .....	Reverend Dana Owens
Recessional .....	Clergy & Family

*Interment*  
Glendale Cemetery  
Bloomfield, New Jersey



## *Obituary*

Cathy Dent Battle arrived in the world on November 29, 1958, to the late Carl J. Dent Sr., and Dolores Keyes Dent a.k.a. “Lolo” at Elizabeth General Hospital in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Cathy was known to be a caregiver to her younger siblings at a very young age.

Its obvious God was preparing Cathy for her future role as an excellent wife and mother.

As a child Cathy attended Nicholas Murray Butler Elementary School No. 23 and graduated from Battin High School in Elizabeth, New Jersey in 1976. During her middle and high school years she participated in a plethora of activities. She was very active and popular in both middle and high schools. She played the flute, sang in the choir, was a member of the Booster Squad and a cheer leader. As a young adult, Cathy was very involved in Mount Teman AME Church in Elizabeth where she served as a youth mentor and member of the Junior Choir.

After graduating from high school, Cathy worked in the areas of administrative assistant and customer service for the following businesses: Concern Incorporated, Toys R Us, Mikasa China Company, Muhlenberg Hospital, and Chubb and Son Insurance Company from 1976 through 1988. In 1979, Cathy attended and earned a certificate from The First School of Secretarial in East Orange, New Jersey. Additionally, she attended Union County College in Cranford, New Jersey, where she received her Associate Degree in Science in January 2021. Cathy was extremely proud of achieving this accomplishment.

During her dedicated employment at Mikasa China Company she met her future husband, Herman Battle. After two years of dating, they were married at St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church in Westfield, New Jersey in May 1988. Cathy and Herman were blessed with two sons, Mark and Kyle.

Cathy continued her employment first at the Plainfield School District and then at East Orange School District, both in New Jersey, as a Community Outreach Coordinator where she excelled and thrived. She organized parents’ workshops, established Parents and Teachers Organizations (PTOs), and held fundraisers for field trips for students and parents to increase their cultural knowledge and global awareness. Cathy received many awards and certificates for her untiring and devoted service to students, staff, and administration in both school districts.

Cathy was full of life. She was cheerful, energetic, thoughtful and had an infectious smile that would light up any room. She was a giving person and often while driving she would stop her car or make you stop your car when she witnessed people who were less fortunate and gave them money. She collected winter coats for children in the school, organized Toys for Tots and established a food pantry in the school for the needy families.

Cathy leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Herman, who was the love of her life, two sons, Kyle, and Mark (Renata), three sisters Carla Dent, Diane Clark (Shelton), Cindy Dent (Danielle Scott), two brothers, Derek Dent (Elizabeth “Betty”) and Carl Dent Jr., her aunt Lorraine Keyes, as well as a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She will be truly missed and fondly remembered by all who loved and knew her.

# *A Tribute to Our Mother*

## *Phenomenal Woman*

*By Maya Angelou*

*Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.  
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size  
But when I start to tell them,  
They think I'm telling lies.*

*I say,  
It's in the reach of my arms,  
The span of my hips,  
The stride of my step,  
The curl of my lips.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.*

*I walk into a room  
Just as cool as you please,  
And to a man,  
The fellows stand or  
Fall down on their knees.  
Then they swarm around me,  
A hive of honeybees.*

*I say,  
It's the fire in my eyes,  
And the flash of my teeth,  
The swing in my waist,  
And the joy in my feet.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.*

*Men themselves have wondered  
What they see in me.*

*They try so much  
But they can't touch  
My inner mystery.  
When I try to show them,  
They say they still can't see.  
I say,*

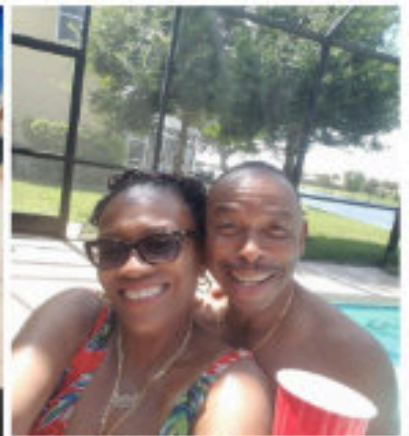
*It's in the arch of my back,  
The sun of my smile,  
The ride of my breasts,  
The grace of my style.  
I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.*

*Now you understand  
Just why my head's not bowed.  
I don't shout or jump about  
Or have to talk real loud.  
When you see me passing,  
It ought to make you proud.*

*I say,  
It's in the click of my heels,  
The bend of my hair,  
the palm of my hand,  
The need for my care.  
'Cause I'm a woman  
Phenomenally.  
Phenomenal woman,  
That's me.*



# Precious Memories







*Be  
Not  
Afraid*

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You'll see me again someday.  
You always told me "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now,  
I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you are shedding soon will cease  
You'll soon realize this was meant be,  
I thank God because He came for me.

"Author unknown"



# *God's Garden*

God looked around his garden, and found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

William Keyes

Lance Green

Vincent Mickens

Christopher Smith

## *Note of Appreciation*

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for the outpouring of love and support that you have shown us during this difficult time. Words cannot express how touched we have been by your heartfelt expressions of sympathy. Our hearts will forever be warmed by the way you have honored Cathy's life and legacy.



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