

In Loving Memory of
Almanetta L. Andrews

October 10, 1946 - November 8, 2021



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 - 11:30 A.M.

Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church
88 Lyons Ave. • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

On Monday, November 8, 2021, Almanetta Lee Andrews, 75, of Montclair, NJ, departed this life and her beloved soul was returned to her heavenly Creator.

Alma, for whom she was affectionately known, was born on October 10, 1946 in Orange, New Jersey to the late Rufus and La'Freida Cross and was the fifth born of ten children.

Educated in the Newark Public School system, Alma graduated from Westside High School and later went on to attend Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ. With a keen interest in the nurturing of young children, Alma began a life-long career as a teacher at Montclair Child Development Center in Glen Ridge, NJ. This opportunity allowed her to demonstrate her compassion and love for empowering kids that extended to her community, of which she was a pillar.

Alma's many passions included nourishing her plants, playing bingo, and traveling to Atlantic City. But above all, Alma's self-proclaimed love was for her family.

Alma was preceded in death by her sister Pastor Octavia Bradberry, brother Duranto Cross, sister Anastasia Harris, and brother Lemont Cross.

Almanetta is survived by many family members: her loving fiancé James Brown; her two daughters, Dawn Alston (James) and Contesia Andrews; her three sons, Darren Cross, Aaron Andrews (Sade), and Omar Andrews; grandchildren, Kai Cross, Britain Cross, Kristina Cross, Jeniah Alston, Ashley Braxton, Jahod Andrews, Aaron Andrews Jr., Ameliyah Andrews; sisters Pastor Ruth Parker, Agusta Alston (John), Sheila Singletary, Autria Philpot (Fred); one brother Khalifa Bashir (Nadirah); Jean Lockhart (Allen), Sister-in-law Dawn Brown Cross. Almanetta leaves eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends who will miss her dearly.

Order of Service

Musical Selection

Organist

“Amazing Grace”

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Ruth Parker

Musical Selection

“His Eyes on the Sparrow”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalms 23

Elder Wanda Wegman

New Testament: I Corinthians 15: 50-58 - Pastor Renee Cummings

Musical Selection

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Acknowledgements

Montclair Child Development Center

Condolences and Reading of Cards - Pastor Renee Cummings

Tribute Friends & Family (Two minutes)

Obituary

Min. Siyan Bradley

Musical Selection

“Going Up Yonder”

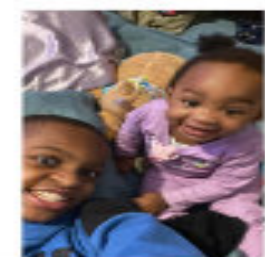
Message of Comfort - Pastor Ruth Parker

Benediction

Interment
Rosedale Cemetery
Montclair, New Jersey

*Repast immediately following burial at
The Loft*

*8 Lackawanna Plaza, Montclair, NJ 07042
(Parking available at the old Pathmark)*



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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