



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Mother Joyce Jean Spencer*

*Sunrise*  
*August 21, 1936*

*Sunset*  
*December 11, 2021*

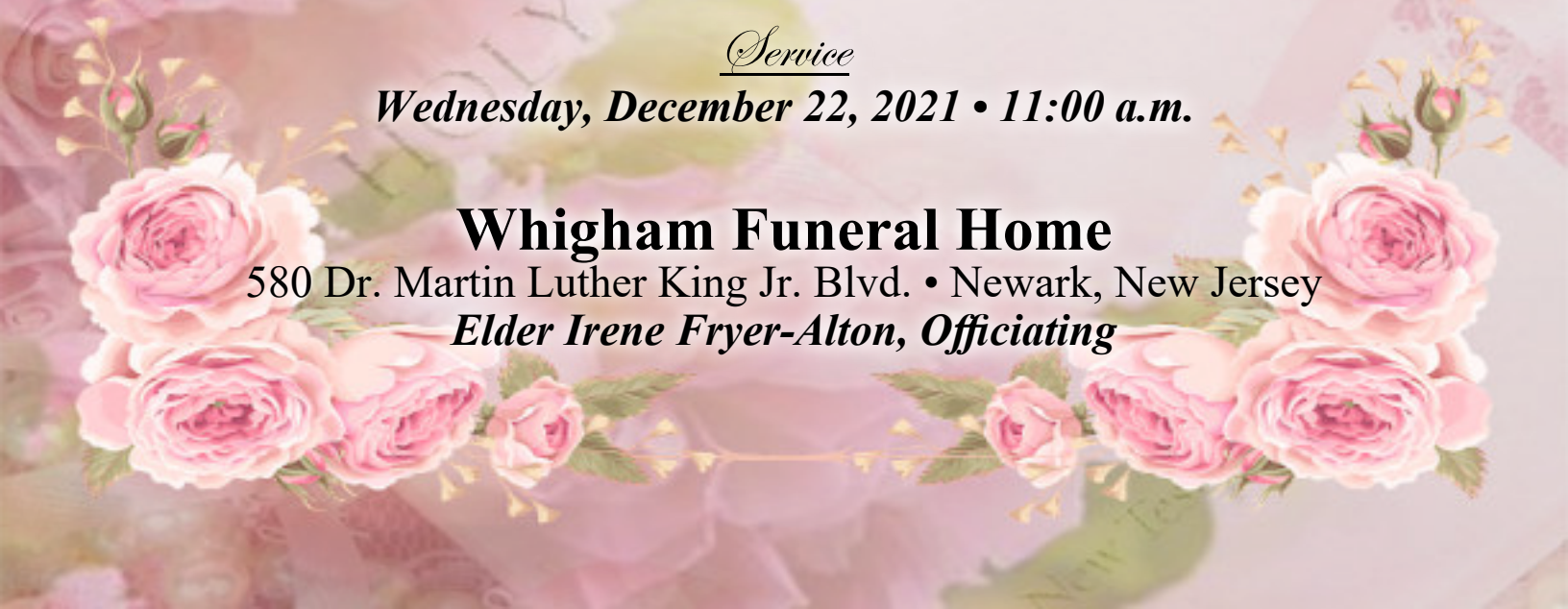
*Service*

*Wednesday, December 22, 2021 • 11:00 a.m.*

**Whigham Funeral Home**

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey

*Elder Irene Fryer-Alton, Officiating*



## *Celebration of Life*

The life of **Joyce Jean Spencer (nee Tindell)**, affectionately known as “GG”, began on August 21, 1936, in Houston County, Alabama to the late Johnnie Mae and Ozie Tindell, Sr. Coming from a large family of 8 siblings, GG’s love for family and friends literally spread beyond her immediate borders and to her, no one was a stranger.

The Tindell family moved to Newark, New Jersey in 1952 and continued their deep Christian upbringing in the Church of God in Christ. That same year, the Tindells joined Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Newark under the capable leadership of the late Bishop Howard Smith. As a life-long member of Holy Temple (now Smith Memorial), Joyce served in many capacities. Mother Spencer, what she was eventually named, served as a nurse, usher, Sunday School teacher (primary and high school), president of the Howard Smith Chorus, president of the Mother’s Board, Women’s Dept., YWCC, WE-12, faithful member, tither, and supporter of the vision and visionary of the house. Many people stated that when they first came to Smith Memorial, GG was the first person who they met. And it was her smile and love that pulled them from the local church to a committed life in Christ. GG also inspired us all with her singing, and she will go down in history as being the lead singer of such masterpieces as, “I Feel the Spirit,” and “I Promised the Lord that I Would Hold Out Until He Meets Me in Galilee.”

Joyce was a hard worker in the church as well as her outside careers. Her first job was at Macy’s Department Store in downtown Newark. Several years later, she became employed at Bristol Meyers in Hillside and then before she retired, she was a dedicated employee at Cosmair, Inc. in Piscataway. GG was also the original entrepreneur. She sold World Book Encyclopedias, Tupperware, Avon, Katydids, and Popular Club, to name a few. There literally was not a lazy bone in her body and as a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and soldier of the Lord, GG was also a great cook whose peach cobbler was her signature dessert.

Of all of GG’s accomplishments, her greatest ever was in 1956 when she married the love of her life, the one and only Mr. Elmo Spencer. To this union, five children were born: Janice Marie, Jacqueline Darlene, Carl Elmo, Keshia Lorraine, and Cleon Maurice. The Spencer children can attest that it was a blessing to grow up in a two-parent home and our house on Astor Street was a refuge to other family and friends, as well.

On Saturday, December 11th, GG received a heavenly call and she transitioned from labor to reward. All who knew GG can honestly say that she was a fighter! And even when she was at her lowest, you would never know because she handled every health challenge with such beauty and grace.

GG leaves a rich legacy and those to cherish her memory are her three children Janice Spencer-Champion (Greg); Keshia Spencer; and Cleon “Timmy” Spencer (Vanessa); four grandsons Allen (Tyanna); Jelani; Tyler; and Jaydon; one granddaughter Imani; one great-granddaughter Alanah; and two great-grandsons Allen, Jr. and Dwayne. Her darling husband, Elmo, beautiful daughter, Jacqueline, and handsome son, Carl, preceded her in death. Also, to cherish her memory are her four brothers John, Ozie (Marida), Willie (Cynthia); and James (Doreen); Aunts Pauline Phillips, Lucille Smith, and Annie Boatright; Uncle Eugene Boatright; her life-long friend from Alabama to Newark Ms. Ola M. Kidd; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

*Yes, we loved GG, but God loved her more. And to this the Lord said,  
“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of the Lord.”  
~ Matthew 25:21 ~*

# Order of Service

Melodies of Praise.....	Bro. Kyle Smith
Processional .....	Clergy and Family
Opening Hymn.....	“Hold to His Hands”
Prayer of Comfort .....	Pastor Craig McDaniel
The Holy Writ.....	Rev. Theresa Andrews
Old Testament: Psalm 27	
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:51-58	
Musical Selection, “Stand” .....	Elder Eric Hayes & Friends
Words of Comfort.....	Deac. Sheldon Tindell (Nephew)
Tributes from GG’s Brothers (2 mins. each) .....	John, Ozie, & Willie Tindell
Musical Selection, “Awesome God” .....	Elder Eric Hayes & Friends
Tributes (2 mins).....	Representing the Nephews Representing the Nieces Representing the In-Laws Representing the Friends
Musical Selection.....	Brother Michael Ross (Godson)
Special Tribute & Presentation .....	
Resolutions & Obituary .....	Sis. Patricia Lawrence
Sermonic Selection, “When I See Jesus”.....	Elder Harry Lawrence (Nephew)
Eulogy .....	The Spencer Children & Grandson
Parting Viewing .....	Whigham Funeral Home
Recessional	
Melodies of Triumph .....	Bro. Kyle Smith

*Interment*  
*Glendale Cemetery*  
*Bloomfield, New Jersey*

## *A Wonderful Mother*

*We had a wonderful mother, one who never really grew old.  
Her smile was made of sunshine, and her heart was solid gold.  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars, and in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful mother, and that's the way it will always be.*

*~ Your Loving Family ~*



### *Pallbearers*

*Calvin Curlin • Andre Daniels • Lanier Jeffries  
Quabir Nickerson • Norman Perry • Sheldon Tindell*

### *Expression of Thanks*

*The Spencer Family would like to thank all of you for your  
kindness, condolences, presence, and prayers.*

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