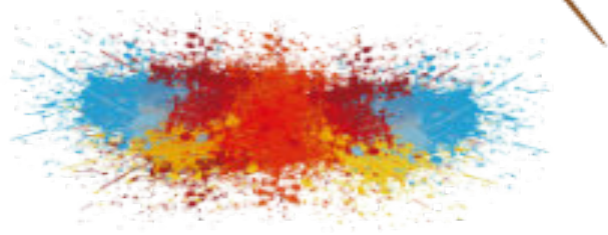




*Precious Memories*



LIFE is never without a NEED,  
never without a  
PROBLEM, never without a HURTFUL moment..  
But, never forget that we have a loving  
God who is protecting us,  
guiding us, and helping us to attain a  
meaningful life.



### *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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# *A Celebration of Life for* *Sheila K. Jones*

*April 26, 1957 - January 15, 2022*



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022 - 12:00NOON

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## Obituary

Sheila K. Jones, (known to most as Katy) was born on April 26th, 1957 to Milton Ford Sr. and Peggy Stanley in Robinsonville, NC., age 64, of East Orange, New Jersey. She quietly departed this life while comfortably sleeping on January 15, 2022 in the comfort of her home.

Katy attended Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, and later continued her studies at Essex County College. At 5'2 at 120lbs, she was the first woman and first black woman to graduate from her trucking school and did so at the top of her class specializing in driving double trailers. She worked for The Walt Disney Company as a Contract Artist, at the Berkeley Heights Nursing Home as a Dietician, the United States Postal Service in Kearny as a Chef before working in the Motor Pool Department of the Newark Board of Education for nearly 20 years, at which point she took early retirement.

In May of 1977, Katy was blessed with her first-born daughter, Mecca, and in April of 1980, she added another baby girl, Carla. In 1983, she met Emmett "EJ" Jones, and they got married on July 11, 1986. They were wed until his passing in 1998.

Eight or so years ago, she gave her life to God and was baptized again joining Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord Ministries, where she was a faithful member until her passing. She was so faithful that she even made sure that her tithes were paid, even from her hospital bed. Her daily routine started off every morning for prayer and praise at 3:30 am. So full of joy after her morning praise, she would often call up friends and family right after to wish them a great morning forgetting that the rest of the world is still asleep.

Katy was full of love and life if you knew her or even heard about her. She was an avid music lover and preferred listening to music over television any day. She especially enjoyed harmonizing with her brother Muta, late sister Debra Ann, cousin Lo and late cousins Kathy and Gary. Laughing, cooking, watching westerns, and looking after her loved ones was what she did best. Most importantly, she was dedicated to keeping her daughters on their toes, literally!

Her family was so important to her, that after a touching conversation with her grandson, she quit smoking and the use of other substances that very day and remained clean until the day she parted ways from this world. She didn't just think of herself when she got herself together, she paid it forward and became a sponsor to others with substance abuse issues to help them along their journey just as others had been there for her.

If you knew Katy, you also knew that she "didn't take any mess" as she would call it from anyone and was extremely protective of her family, friends, or anyone who was in need. She would give the clothes off her back, last dollar in her pocket or food from her kitchen or refrigerator freezer to anyone who needed it, most often sacrificing and going without herself. One of her most beautiful traits was whether you were family or a stranger in the street, if she could help, she would and has. She looked after and has taken in several homeless people during her life because she just couldn't watch others suffer, even at times putting her own safety at risk. Her selfless qualities didn't go unnoticed even where she resided. She was voted as the Floor Captain in her building to speak up for the residents on her floor.

Sheila was predeceased by her husband, Emmett Jones, father, Milton Ford, Sr., and sister Debra Ann Ford. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her mother, Peggy Stanley, brother, Milton "Muta" Ford, Jr., her beautiful daughters, Mecca and Carla Ford-Bradbury, Son in Law Amin Bradbury, grandchildren, Amiyan and Ayan Bradbury, nieces Lovey Ford, Fatimah Young, Aziza Ford, nephews, Idris Cato and Ibn Stanley, and a host of other very close family members and friends.



## Order of Service

### OPENING REMARKS

Pastor Lawrence Evans – Spiritual Brother  
(New Beginnings Community Church of Newark NJ)

### OBITUARY READING

Mertice Evans  
(Spiritual Sister)

### OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

Pastor Zena Booker

(Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord Ministries of NJ of Elizabeth, NJ)

### SELECTION

Evangelist Vanessa Williams  
(Miracle Deliverance Church of Trenton NJ)  
(Oh, Happy Day)

### EULOGY & PRAYER

Pastor Lawrence Evans

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Card Reading – Marie McAuley

Remarks will conclude at Repast (Friends & Family)

### REPAST

Bethune Banquet Hall  
26 Washington Orange NJ 07017  
1 – 5PM

Monday February 7th, 2022  
PROCESSION TO BURIAL SITE  
Cotton Funeral Home  
1025 Bergen St. Newark NJ  
10AM SHARP!!!!

*Interment*  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, NJ