

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

B. Joyce Gaston

SUNRISE

June 8, 1943

SUNSET

April 26, 2023



WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023 - 12:00 PM

ISRAEL MEMORIAL AME CHURCH

54 Lincoln St. Newark, NJ 07103

Rev. Carl Studd

Obituary

On Wednesday, April 26, 2023, God dispatched an angel to the bedside of Brenda Joy Elaine Gaston and whispered, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. At that moment, Brenda smiled and took her flight.

Brenda, affectionately known as “Joyce,” was born to the late Henry and Annie (Washington) Carey on June 8, 1943, in Westmoreland County, Nomini Grove, VA. She attended Piney Grove School in Richmond County during her childhood. After relocation to Newark, NJ, she furthered her education at Madison Junior High and Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ. Joyce went on to receive her bachelor’s degree from Bloomfield College.

Joyce married Wardell Gaston on New Years Eve, December 31, 1963. United in love, they welcomed their beloved baby girl Karen Gretchen Gaston.

Following her employment with Drakes Bakery, in 1970, Joyce started working for the Newark Board of Education, where she dedicated 44 years of service, until her retirement in 2014.

Joyce enjoyed traveling, sewing, spending time with her family, and hosting barbecues serving her coleslaw and seafood salad. Joyce loved God, and for many years was a devoted member of Saint James AME Church, Newark, NJ, where she served on several auxiliaries.

Preceding her in death was her husband Wardell Gaston, father Henry Carey, mother Annie L. Carey, son-in-law Louis Darren Conover, and sister Merteen Carey. She leaves to cherish her memory, her one and only child, daughter Karen Gaston-Conover, her sister Gloria Jean Jackson, her brother Stewart Carey (Doris), four grandchildren; Kariym Conover, Samirya Blakewood (Ishmeel), Amiynah Conover and Najee Conover. She also leaves five great grandchildren; Jaiyana Conover-Smith, Kenyon Anderson, Shane Blakewood, Shaune Henry and Kameel Blakewood; and a host of loved ones and friends.

Order of Service

Prayer of ComfortMinister Thelma Turner Smith
Bethlehem Baptist Church Newark, NJ

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Remarks/Reflections 2 minutes, please

Acknowledgements & Reading of Obituary Ishmeel Blakewood

Musical Selection

Eulogy Rev. Carl Stuart

Benediction

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery & Crematory

Newark, NJ 07107

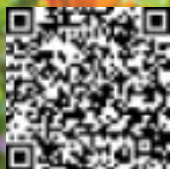


A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something
that no one can explain—
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring, come what may,
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away.

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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