

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

## Althea E. Elam

Sunrise

Sunset

NOVEMBER 9, 1954 - JANUARY 19, 2018

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018, 11AM
FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH
REVEREND DR. RICHARD A. DENT, PASTOR
901 CLIFTON AVENUE, SHARON HILL, PA 19079

## OBITUARY

ALTHEA ELAINE ELAM was born on November 9, 1954 in Darby, Pennsylvania, to Ida Louise Johnson and the late James William Johnson. She departed this life on January 19, 2018, at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital surrounded by her family.

Althea was a graduate of Darby Township High School. After graduating High School, she went on to study Radiology to become an X-Ray Technician. However, she soon discovered that her passion was working with children. Althea then continued her education, receiving an Associate Degree in Childhood Development.

After marrying, Althea had a child of her own, Tamara Nicole. She dedicated her life to her daughter and to the care of her students, who loved her.

Althea was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a passionate person and no matter the task she gave it her best. She loved the Lord and was a dedicated church member.

After working with children for twenty-nine years, Althea spent the last 6 years of her life, living with, and caring for her mother.

Near the time of her death, Althea was expecting a new grandchild; looking forward to retirement; and spending time with her daughter Tamara and her grandchildren "Trey" Alfred Clinton Hyde III, and Trinity Rose Hyde - due April 1, 2018.

Althea will be sadly missed by a host of relatives, family, and coworkers.

## Order of Worship First African Baptist Church

The Organ Prelude

Processional of Clergy & Family

The Closing of the Bier

The Opening Sentences.....Pastor Richard A. Dent

The Selection of Faith....."Blessed Assurance"

The Good News Scripture

The Old Testament......Psalm 23

The New Testament.....John 14:1-6

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Selection of Faith....."Order My Steps"

The Acknowledgements

Resolutions & Obituary

The Selection of Faith..... "Going Up Yonder"

The Message of Good News.....Pastor Richard A. Dent

The Benediction and Recessional

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day, to laugh,

To love, to work, or play.

Tasks undone must stay that way,

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now, with undue grief.

Don't lengthen it now, with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

## Acknowledgements

The family of the Althea Elam wishes to express our sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation for the prayers and support extended to us during this time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Funeral Services provided by:

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