



Janette Wright Henley

February 26, 1953 - April 18, 2017

Age 64, of Nashville transitioned from this earthly life to eternal life on Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Born the first daughter of Reverend Dr. Mathew and Annie Mae Wright, Janette was born on February 26, 1953 in Memphis, TN. The family then relocated to North Chicago, IL., where Janette was the oldest of four children.

Always following her daddy to church, she confessed her faith in Christ at an early age. She was baptized by Reverend H.J. Cook where she became a member of Gideon Baptist Church of Waukegan, IL. Later, she was an active choir member and usher for each of these churches, Greater Faith Baptist of Chicago, IL., New St. Mark of Grand Rapids, MI. and Second Baptist Church of Kalamazoo, MI. all pastored by her father, Rev. Dr. Matthew Wright. She was known for her soulful solos and leads, such as "Marchin' For Jesus", "I made a Vow" , "I know the Lord Will Make a Way" , and "I want to Live So God Can Use Me".

She attended Lindbergh Elementary School and Novak in North Chicago, IL., prior to relocating with the family to Grand Rapids, Michigan, graduating from Ottawa Hills High School in 1971. She took coursework at Harvard University while residing in Boston, Massachusetts and earned her Associate's Degree. She had a special interest in art, home decor and design and was offered a scholarship to the University of Minneapolis following high school. While she made a decision to not attend, her special talent was demonstrated in her home decor and her impeccable penmanship.

Relocating to Nashville, TN. in 1987, she was a faithful member and active servant first at Pleasant Green as First Lady. She later enjoyed her membership at Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the pastoring of Bishop Joseph W. Walker III. She loved to sit front and center during the 8:00 AM service. Her "shake" during service was well known and sometimes mocked by her children, nieces and nephews. Standing to join in the singing of the choir or to witness the sermon was part of her demonstration of her walk of faith. Most

recently, she enjoyed attending service with her children and grandchildren at New Seasons Church where the Reverend Dwayne Lewis is the pastor. Janette's absolute walk of faith and hope in Christ is made evident in each of her children and families as they all are strongly connected to God and their church communities.

While Janette worked periodically at various positions mostly for school districts, she had a passion for the things that allowed her to express her creative juices and her passion for entrepreneurs. She loved collecting the perfect items to make those special gift baskets for any occasion, but especially for Easter and Mother's Day. Her love for cooking gained her a first place in an all men BBQ citywide cook off. She catered for a wide genre of occasions, both personal and community affairs. Her front lawn frequently became a neighborhood boutique as she valued never throwing away a gently used or never used item. She featured household goods, children clothing and toys, women clothing and shoes most often. Faithful customers looked forward to being able to browse and shop and if they were lucky they'd be able to get a slice of one of her cakes at the end of their spree. Her love for children didn't stop with her own as she became a licensed child care provider for many, an early childhood paraprofessional, and most recently a bus monitor for students with special needs for the Tennessee Public Schools.

Janette was preceded in death by both her parents, Annie Mae Wright and Dr. Reverend Mathew Wright. She will be lovingly missed and survived by six children, Anedra (Tyrone) Logan of Fredericksburg, VA., Mansa (Angelica) Henley of Memphis, TN., Jahi (Alisha) Henley of Fredericksburg, VA., Tiombe (DeCosta) of Nashville, TN., Akilah (JeWayne) Robinson of Madison, TN. and Joshua (Lara) Henley of Nashville, TN.; fourteen grandchildren; two sisters, Margie (James) Davis of Skokie, IL. and Lisha Jackson of Columbus, OH.; one brother, Reverend Kevin (Pamela) Wright of Kalamazoo, MI.; a God sister, Ramona Hawkins of Memphis, TN., special relatives, Gloria Bouie of North Chicago, IL. and John (Kendra) McBride of Zion, IL. and a life long friend, Laine Gilbert along with a host of nieces, nephews, great aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

Cemetery

Events

Spring Hill Cemetery

Madison, TN,

APR 28 **Public Viewing** 01:00PM - 06:00PM

Highland Hills Funeral Home and Crematory
2422 Brick Church Pike, Nashville, TN, US, 37207

APR 28 **Public Viewing with Family Present** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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APR 29 **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Olivet Baptist Church
144 Ewing Drive, Nashville, TN, US, 37207

APR 29 **Celebration of Life Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



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Highland Hills Funeral Home and Crematory - May 02, 2017 at 08:21 AM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Highland Hills Funeral Home and Crematory - April 27, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ To the children and family of Janette Henley, my sincerest sympathies. Your mom , sister, aunt and cousin was a special kind of person that is not found often in this life. I met her in Boston when she was a new mom and bride and what a great person to know. We lost contact for awhile and as soon as we reconnected, God saw fit to take her home. I will continue to pray for your peace as she will indeed be missed. May God give you peace that surpasses all understanding and know that her love for you will always be with and for you. God's Blessings on each of you and peace be unto you.

Diane Gordon Hanks

Diane Hanks - April 27, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ Donna Fore lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



Donna Fore - April 26, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ My sincere sympathies to Anedra, Tyrone, and all of your family and friends. May God's love and peace sustain you in the difficult days ahead. Saying prayers for all of you.

Donna Fore - April 26, 2017 at 07:30 AM



“ Valerie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



Valerie Thomas - April 25, 2017 at 09:36 PM



“ Sheila Jones lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



Sheila Jones - April 25, 2017 at 07:02 AM



“ Mary McNair lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



Mary McNair - April 25, 2017 at 05:30 AM



“ Tracie Watson lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



Tracie Watson - April 24, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ Isabelle Diaz lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



Isabelle Diaz - April 24, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of your loved one, Janette. It breaks our hearts when death separates us from the ones we love so much. The Bible assures us that God sees our pain and sorrow and has promised that soon, "death will be swallowed up forever."(Isaiah 25:8) He will heal our broken hearts by resurrecting our precious loved ones to life again. Until then, I hope the beautiful memories of Janette and these promises from God comfort you in the days to come.

Jo - April 21, 2017 at 08:42 AM



“ George Baker lit a candle in memory of Janette Wright Henley



George Baker - April 20, 2017 at 05:34 PM