

Journey of Life

~ CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL LIVED ~

THE EARLY YEARS & FOUNDATION OF FAITH

Deaconess Evelyn Delores Simms Kenney, affectionately known to all as Delores, was born to the late Wilson and Evelyn Simms on December 19, 1934, in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. On July 13, 2026, she peacefully departed from this life and entered into eternal rest.

Delores was raised with a strong foundation in faith and education. On December 11, 1947, she joined the membership of Providence Baptist Church and was baptized just three days later on December 14. She began her education in 1940 at School #103 – Henry Highland Garnet Elementary School and proudly graduated from Douglass High School in June 1953.

A SEASON IN BOSTON & MOTHERHOOD

In 1954, Delores moved to Boston, Massachusetts. It was there that she married Joseph Worsley (now deceased) and was blessed with five children: Gwendolyn, Joanne, Donna, Raymond, and Levi. During her years in Massachusetts, she remained steadfast in her faith, serving as a faithful choir member at The Morning Star Baptist Church in Mattapan under the leadership of the late Rev. Walter Stevenson.

A LOVE REJOINED & A LIFELONG PARTNERSHIP

In October 1980, Delores returned home to Baltimore. It was during this return that she reunited with her childhood sweetheart, Melvin Kenney. Though they spent 25 years apart, their 11-year courtship upon reuniting proved that the flame of their love had never dimmed—it had only grown brighter. On November 17, 1991, in Pastor R. Lee Johnson's study, Delores and Melvin were united in Holy Matrimony.

They were true partners in every sense. Melvin was a gifted craftsman who built church furniture, and Delores was the skilled finisher who completed his work. They complemented each other perfectly, a divine match destined by God that brought immense joy to their families.

A LIFE OF SERVICE, CAREER & FELLOWSHIP

Professionally, Delores was a dedicated worker, serving as a Supervisor with Bell Atlantic Telephone Company (now Verizon) until her well-earned retirement in 1995. Her heart, however, belonged to church ministry. In 1981, she joined Brown's Memorial Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Douglas I. Miles.

She served for decades under the leadership of Rev. Russell Lee Johnson, until her health began to fail, Delores poured her spirit into her church community.

She served faithfully on The Woman's Auxiliary Ministry, The No Name Choir, The Voices Choir, The Deaconess Board, The Saturday Prayer Group and The Youth Sunday School (as a teacher). She was also widely known and loved for coordinating annual bus trips to the Sight & Sound Theatres. Her travel group faithfully looked forward to these trips year after year, which brought her immense joy to organize.

Together, Her and Melvin also served in ministry at Powerhouse Ministries under the leadership of Pastor James Winslow where she was affectionally known as Mother Kenney. Melvin preceded her in death, and they are now reunited in glory.

A STRONG MOTHER & MATRIARCH

Delores was a praying mother, a trusted confidante, a loyal friend, and a woman of deep wisdom and strength. She raised her children with a strict hand of discipline and rooted them in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Her children fondly remember being the kids who absolutely had to be inside the house the second when the streetlights came on.

HER LIVING LEGACY

Delores was preceded in death by her beloved grandson, JaShawn; great granddaughter, Jamiya; and bonus daughter, Gwendolyn Stephney.

She leaves behind a vast, loving family to cherish her memory including her daughters, Gwendolyn Worsley, Joanne Ivory, and Reverend Donna Cureton (Henry); sons, Raymond Worsley (Patrice) and Levi Worsley (Shirley); grandchildren, Marlon (Heather), Anthony (Amber), Shon, Tyrell, Trevor (Marissa), John, Jabril (Sharae), Amelia (Danielle), Henry (Victoria), Christopher, Travis, Kenneth, Christina, Jasmine, and Christopher; over 23 cherished great-grandchildren; bonus daughters, Quanita Sampson (Robert), Michelle Small (Clarence) and Stephanie Mullens (James); bonus sons, Anthony Jakes and Roger Worsley; devout friend and special sister-in-love, Anne Mimms; additional sons and daughters she was uniquely blessed with through her union with Melvin Kenney; and a host of bonus grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a large circle of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

"I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH."

~ 2 TIMOTHY 4:7 ~

REVEREND DR. R. LEE JOHNSON

- OFFICIATING -

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy & Family

OPENING HYMN....."Blessed Assurance"

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SCRIPTURES.....Old Testament - Psalm 23
New Testament - II Timothy 4:6-8
Reverend Michelle Small

MUSICAL SELECTION....."It is Well with my Soul"
Sister Leola Smith

FAMILY REFLECTIONS.....2 Minutes Please

WORDS OF COMFORT.....2 Minutes Please

OBITUARY & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CHURCH RESOLUTION

MUSICAL SELECTION....."There's a Bright Side"
Voices of BMBC

EULOGY.....Reverend Dr. R. Lee Johnson, Pastor

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL....."I'll Fly Away"



Final Resting Place

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
Owings Mills, Maryland
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Acknowledgments

We, the family of the late Evelyn Delores Kenney, gratefully acknowledge the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.

Repast

Immediately Following Service
Brown Memorial Baptist Church
3215 W. Belvedere Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Family Gathering

Family will greet friends and guests at:
Merritt Station Senior Apartments
1440 Merritt Boulevard | Dundalk Maryland 21222
Community Room - 1st Floor
4:00-8:00 p.m.

Services of Comfort Entrusted to



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