

CELEBRATION  
OF *Life*  
FOR



*Janice Evelyn Martin  
Chambers*

Sunrise: April 10, 1950

Sunset: April 12, 2023

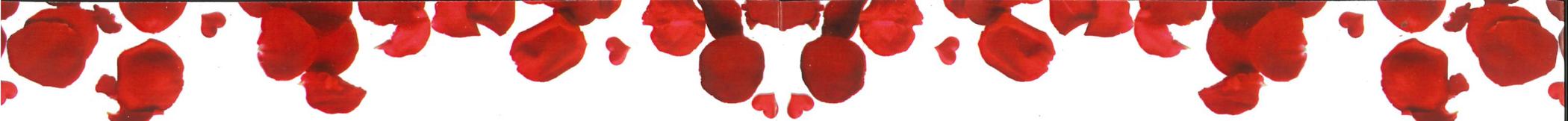
**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME**

2140 Fulton Avenue | Baltimore, MD 21217

Rev. Patrick O. Watkins, *Officiating*



## Obituary

**JANICE EVELYN MARTIN CHAMBERS** slipped away peacefully at her home on April 12, 2023 after a brief illness. Janice was a Baltimore, Maryland native and the oldest of 2 daughters from the marital union of the late John Henry Martin and the late Isabelle Cameron Martin Williams. Their memory lived on through Janice's intelligence, independence and determination. Being the oldest grandchild, Janice was a born leader.

As tiny girls and as teenagers, during the spring and summer months, Janice and her little sister Kathy traveled together to visit relatives. In the springtime, they would visit their aunt Evelyn in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the summer months, they hopped on a train and spent the best time of their lives in Erwin, North Carolina with grandparents George and Catherine Cameron, uncles, aunts and many cousins. Attending the family's annual 4th of July reunion weekend celebration was the highlight of their summer vacation. Janice and Kathy were always together.

Janice graduated from Edmondson High School in Baltimore City. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education in 1973. Upon taking the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Janice received an invitation from the prestigious Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts to attend school there. She earned her Masters of Education degree in Special Education from Coppin State College (1977) now Coppin State University, Baltimore, Maryland. Janice managed to earn her degrees and raise her beloved daughter Lisa.

For many years, Janice was an active and dedicated member of First Mount Calvary Baptist Church. She sang on choirs, worked on several committees and was involved in a number of church activities. She enjoyed her church family.

Janice met her husband Michael Emerson Chambers while in college. The couple got married in 1989 at First Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. They celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on April 8, 2023.

In the year 1992, Janice and Michael moved to the US Virgin Islands where she accepted a position as a Special Education Teacher at the Peace Corps School. They lived and worked there for more than 7 years.

Then, in 1997, Janice and Michael followed their dream and traveled to West Africa to study and learn the traditions of the Ashanti nation of Ghana. They lived and worked there for 2 years. Janice was an exceptional educator who, along

with her husband, appeared on a nationally televised program entitled Teen Beat. She also appeared on many committees with IFESH (International Foundation for Education and Self Help), Dr. Leon Sullivan's program, to further the educational opportunities on the continent of Africa. Janice was the force behind a program for computer literacy using both Apple and PC formats to develop a "Teaching Materials Resource Center" at the teacher training colleges in Ghana. She produced 2 videos entitled "Images of Accra and "The Homecoming." Janice was also installed as a Queen-Mother of development in Ashanti in 1998.

Janice continued to educate others wherever she went. Upon returning to the US Virgin Islands, in 1999, she was promoted to Secondary Supervisor of Special Education. Janice was a true workaholic as well as an entrepreneur. She established "Rainbow Juice" and "Your Personal Teacher" businesses. These businesses were cutting edge at the time they were in operation. Janice was also gainfully employed by the Hannah More Center, Baltimore City Public Schools, Baltimore County Public Schools and Self Directed Placement as an employment counselor. She was also a licensed insurance agent.

In addition, Janice authored a handbook entitled "Improving The Quality of Education for Students with Learning Disabilities" on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John in the Virgin Islands.

Janice had a passion for the simple things in life. As a vegetarian, she appreciated good food accompanied by her favorite glass of wine. She enjoyed dancing (any time and anywhere), and found joy in listening to her favorite recording artists; the Isley Brothers, Earth Wind and Fire and Maxwell. Janice also enjoyed relaxing at home, traveling and an occasional outing to a local casino.

One could describe Janice as "Afro Centric". She fully embraced her African heritage and culture and delighted in wearing ethnic clothing and jewelry.

Janice leaves to cherish her memory: her adoring husband, Michael; devoted daughter, Lisa Deveri Martin; loving sister, Kathy Martin Hall; two grandchildren, Devin Anderson and Devonna Anderson; three great-grandchildren, Deniya Anderson, Jerrod Anderson and Snoh Wachuku; uncles and aunts, Jessie (Cornelia) Cameron, Baltimore, MD, George (Rubye) Cameron, Baltimore, MD, Ernest Cameron, Baltimore, MD, Evelyn Waldon McKinney, Cincinnati, Ohio, Geraldine Cameron, Dunn North Carolina and a host of very dear cousins and friends.



# Order of Celebration

PROCESSIONAL ..... Clergy and Family

FAMILY AND FRIENDS GREET: 10am-10:15am

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Patrick O. Watkins

MUSICAL SELECTION

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Rev. Joseph S. Watkins  
*Pastor Emeritus*  
*First Mount Calvary Baptist Church*  
*Baltimore, MD*

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Rev. Paulette Roane  
Old Testament: Psalm 23  
New Testament: John 14:1-6

SELECTION ..... Mr. Joseph Smith

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Mrs. Delores Coleman

REFLECTIONS/REMARKS & MEMORIES (*2 mins. please*)  
Family and Friends

OBITUARY ..... Pastor Joan Webster

SELECTION ..... *"The Chords"*

EULOGY ..... Rev. Patrick O. Watkins

RECESSIONAL

BENEDICTION



## Family Tree

*A limb has fallen from the family tree  
 I hear a voice that whispers, "Grieve not for me"  
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs  
 The good life I lived while I was strong  
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you  
 Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.  
 My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest  
 Remembering all...how I was truly blessed  
 Continue with your traditions, no matter how small  
 Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall  
 I will miss you all dearly so keep up your chin  
 Until that fine day when were together again.*

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## Floral Pallbearers

Friends and Family

## Acknowledgement

We greatly appreciate and acknowledge all the love, support, words of comfort, and your many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. We love you and thank you so very much. May God bless each of you.

### Special Thank You:

First Mount Calvary Baptist Church  
 1142 North Fulton Avenue | Baltimore MD 21217

Reverend DeWitt, *Pastor*

Kaserra Merit, *Videographer*

## Private Repast

Fellowship time with family and close personal friends only, please  
 (Immediately following the Memorial service)  
 Golden Corral | 7047 Arundel Mills Circle | Hanover, MD 21074