

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And He found an empty place.
And then He looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
Gods garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

PALLBEARERS
Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Francine Hightower acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers, and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.

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Sunrise
August 2, 1957

Sunset
January 16, 2018

In Loving Memory of



Francine Hightower

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018
10:00 AM

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
124 Atkins Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Dr. Semaj Y. Vanzant, Sr., Officiating

Order of Service

Processional	Clergy & Family
Invocation	Dr. Semaj Y. Vanzant, Sr.
Scripture Reading	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-4</i> <i>Rev. Shirley Cheek</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>John 14:1-6</i> <i>Rev. Marcia Grayson</i>
Prayer of Comfort	<i>Rev. Leon McGill</i> <i>Citi Church, Newark, NJ</i>
Selection	<i>Second Baptist Church Choir</i>
Reflections	<i>Rajan Sharpe</i>
Selection	<i>Jahkeea Arthur & S'Niyah Torres</i>
Acknowledgements, Resolutions & Obituary	<i>Verita Hill</i>
Solo	<i>Rev. Al Matlock, Trenton, NJ</i>
Selection	<i>"Rescue"</i>
Eulogy	<i>Dr. Semaj Y. Vanzant, Sr.</i>
Benediction	
Recessional	<i>Second Baptist Church Choir</i>



INTERMENT
White Ridge Cemetery
246 Wall St, Eatontown, NJ

REPAST
Second Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Obituary



Francine Hightower, 60, of Neptune, New Jersey passed away on January 16, 2018, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She had lived in Neptune for the past 21 years, and worked most recently at Imperial Care Center, Neptune.

She was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey by the late Theodore, Sr. and Frances Sharpe. She was educated in the Newark School System. She graduated with honors from Weequahic High School and attended Wilford Cosmetology Academy.

She moved to Neptune in 1996 and married Ricardo Hightower. She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) for many years, and as a Certified Home Health Aid (CHHA) until her diagnosis in 2015. Fran was a member of Second Baptist Church in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Fran had a heart of gold and loved helping and caring for others. She was the safe place for so many people over the years. She never turned away anyone in need. Everyone called her "mom". So now, every time we get a new gadget, take a five hour road trip, visit Atlantic City, or accessorize our outfits just right, we will smile and remember her. She showed us all her strength many times throughout her life, and we will cherish and honor her for the rest of ours.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ricardo Hightower; and brothers, Donnell and Calvin.

Francine is survived by her five children, Leonard (Christine), Rajan (Kutisa), LaTrice (Edward), Ahmad, and Ricardo; 21 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; six siblings, Mary, Martha, Sheila, Theodore, Jr., Leroy, James; and many brothers and sisters in laws; her beloved dog, Cream; and a host of other loving family and friends in Virginia, North Carolina, and New Mexico.

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