

A portrait of a smiling woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing a white short-sleeved top, a pearl necklace, and a small floral corsage. She is standing in a bright, arched hallway with pink curtains and large pink flowers in the background. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

KATIE

ELIZABETH

Scorsiers

OCTOBER 22, 1959 – MAY 20, 2025

THE LIFE STORY OF KATIE ELIZABETH SCONIERS

Katie Elizabeth Sconiers, age 65, of Irvington, New Jersey, peacefully entered eternal rest on May 20, 2025. Born on October 22, 1959, in Bennettsville, South Carolina, Katie later moved to Newark, New Jersey, where she built a life rooted in faith, service, and unwavering love for her family.

Katie was a dedicated and hardworking woman whose professional journey began at Beauty Science in Clark, New Jersey. She later joined Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, where she faithfully worked for 32 years. During her time there, Katie served in various departments—including Environmental Services, as an Orderly in the Emergency Room, and in her final role as a Patient Escort. She officially retired on August 1, 2023. At Beth Israel, her coworkers affectionately called her “Katie Dids,” a nickname that reflected her vibrant spirit and warm personality.

A woman of strong Christian faith, Katie was a devoted member of Smith Memorial Church of God in Christ and later found fellowship at Greater Friendship Baptist Church. Her love for God was reflected in how she lived: always giving, always present, and always kind.

Katie was known for her thoughtful and generous nature. She never missed a birthday—often surprising friends with specially ordered cakes—and was quick to visit any loved one who was hospitalized, offering comfort and prayer without hesitation. Her kindness left a lasting impression on everyone she encountered.

She leaves to cherish her memory four beloved children: Brenda Gordon of Blythewood, SC; Lakisha Sconiers-Illa (Freddy Rico Illa) of Parlin, NJ; Patricia Ann Sconiers of Irvington, NJ; and Thomas Sconiers (Kristi Santos) of Bloomfield, NJ.

Katie’s legacy continues through her treasured grandchildren: Brandon Lee Illa, Briana Na’Jae Illa, Destiny Sade Illa, Imani Ja’Nae Illa, Naysir Lee ZyJuan Sconiers, Kameron Lee Sconiers, Katie Renee Sconiers, Da’Shanta Montgomery, and SyDarius Montgomery.

She was preceded in death by her loving mother, Elizabeth Harris; her grandmother, Willie Kate Freshly; and her brothers, Ralph Benjamin, James Cornelius, and Willie Lee Adams. She is survived by her devoted sisters, Carolyn (Curtis) Benjamin and Joann (Adrian) Wilson.

Katie also leaves to mourn her beloved godchildren; her sister-in-love, Carol Dunn; her dear and faithful friend, Ida Farrier; and Jacintha Durham, whom she cherished as a daughter. She is also remembered with love by a host of extended family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched.

She will also be fondly remembered by **Mr. Tommie Lee Sconiers**, who stood by her side throughout her ordeal, offering steadfast support and prayer.

Katie will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her servant’s heart, and her deep commitment to the well-being of others. Her presence brought comfort, her actions brought joy, and her memory will forever inspire those who were blessed to know her.

The background of the entire page features a soft-focus photograph of two women. On the left, a younger woman with dark hair and a striped shirt is smiling. On the right, an older woman with short, light-colored hair and a purple top is also smiling. The text is centered over this image.

ORDER OF *Service*

Friday, May 30, 2025 | 7PM
Smith Memorial COGIC
16 Stratford Pl, Newark, NJ 07108
Elder Craig McDaniels, Presiding
Bishop C. H. Evans, Officiating

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Elder Craig McDaniels, Pastor of Tabernacle of Deliverance COH C.O.G.I.C

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Brother Donovan Tindell, Godson

OLD TESTAMENT

Evangelist Priscilla Sconiers, Family

NEW TESTAMENT

Brother Deyon Sconiers, Godson

SELECTION

Elder Eric Hayes

REFLECTIONS

Representing the godchildren – Sister Desiree Tindell

Representing the sisters – Evangelist Joan Wilson

Representing the Friends – Ms. Carol Dunn, Best Friend

Ms. Ida Farrier, Honorary Sister

SELECTION

Elder Eric Hayes

REFLECTIONS

Clergy – Rev. Josh Younger, Pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center – Mr. Walter McLaurin

Children – Patricia Sconiers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RESOLUTION & OBITUARY

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SERMONIC SELECTION

Elder Eric Hayes

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Bishop C.H. Evans, Pastor of Smith Memorial C.O.G.I.C

PARTING VIEW

SERVICE OF COMITAL & BENEDICTION

Bishop C.H. Evans

LETTERS TO *Katie*



To my favorite grandma, I miss you so much. Thank you for giving me money for Roblox and for all the morning text and prayers. Rest in peace grandma. I love you.

Imani

To my best friend, I will miss you more than words can say, but I am forever grateful for the time we had together. You may be gone, but your memory and spirit will continue to inspire and guide me. Until we meet again. May your beautiful soul rest in peace. I love you.

Briana



Thank you for everything you've done for me. I will miss all your phone calls and text. Thank you for giving me whatever I wanted when I asked. I love you forever and will miss you so much. Rest in peace.

Destiny



LETTERS TO *Katie*



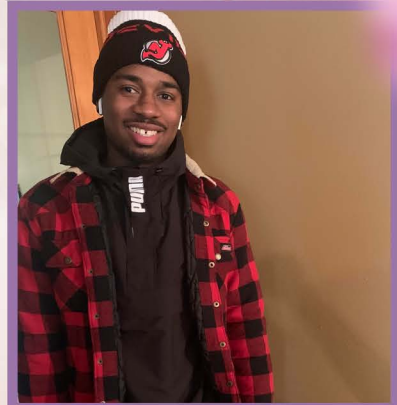
Grandma,

I'll cherish all the memories but the last two and half years I had the pleasure of caring for you. I'm not really understanding why God took you. I blame myself because I couldn't save you. I waited for you to call me everyday, especially the one when you say "Nas I'm coming home. God needed you more even though your last words to me was "Nas don't leave me, God Whispered I need you". You're my shero! That last eleven dollars you gave me, I'm going to hold it close to my heart.

Love Nas (Naysir)

Granny, that's what I called you. Thank you for being the best grandmother anyone can ask for. I appreciate you for always being there for me and my sisters. Thank you for raising my mother and help shaping her into the woman she is today. I am sad that you are gone and you will be deeply missed. You always told me that God doesn't make mistakes and I should follow his plan. I love you granny. Rest well. Don't worry, I'll take care of mom for you.

**Love
Brandon Lee**



Grandma,

I'm sitting here thinking about how amazing you were. Thank you for letting me get away with things that daddy got in trouble for when he was a kid. I'm really going to miss getting your morning texts. I'm especially going to miss your yelling lol when me and Naysir were being ridiculous.

Thank you for loving me unconditionally!

love you forever,
Kameron Lee

Grandma,

I Love you so much! Thank you for the toys and giving me candy when daddy told me told no.

I miss you and your smile.

Love you,
Katie Renee





I WAS THERE
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DALLAS, TEX. JULY 6-10, 1997
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PALLBEARERS

Thomas Sconiers
Freddy Illa
Brandon Illa
Donovan Tindell
Deyon Sconiers
Jordan Bell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Realizing that each tomorrow is not ours to understand and knowing that God never hurts needlessly and never wastes our pain, for every loss He sends to us is followed by rich gains. Today in our loss, our hurt and our pain, we recognize our gains in you our friends and loved ones, for the flowers, your cards, your whispered prayers and every deed of kindness have been a source of strength and comfort.

We are eternally grateful.

THE FAMILY

GOD, I NEED YOU

Dear God, I may not know how everything will unfold, but I trust in You. I may not see the path, but I know You will make a way, I believe that right now. You are working in my situation with Your love, power, and mercy. Things may seem hopeless now, but I trust that my breakthrough is coming. I lay my worries, my fears, and my struggles before You. I may not know all the answers, but I trust in Your perfect plan. God, I need You, for I cannot face this all alone.

In Jesus name,

AMEN



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