## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF RENÉ EDWINA DIGGS HUDSON



SUNRISE SUNSET *JULY 2, 1951 ~ MARCH 4, 2009* 

THE VIEWING AND VISITATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

THE FUNERAL WORSHIP SERVICE TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009 ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

BETHEL VILLAGE A. M. E. CHURCH 1721 NORTH FIFTH STREET HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

REVEREND MARTIN D. ODOM, PASTOR REVEREND CHARLES E. MOCK, EULOGIST



# CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR RENÉ



#### THE PRELUDE

#### THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

OFFICIATING OFFICER ~ REVEREND MARTIN D. ODOM

THE HYMN OF COMFORT

PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH FAMILY BY RENÉ
THE WINFIELD STAFF

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING HYMN
"I WON'T COMPLAIN"

THE LESSONS FROM THE HOLY WRIT OLD TESTAMENT ~ THE 23<sup>RD</sup> PSALM OF DAVID NEW TESTAMENT ~ REVELATION 21:1-7

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT

**MUSICAL OFFERING** 

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & CONDOLENCES
DIMITRA DIGGS, NIECE

THE REFLECTIONS (TWO MINUTE LIMIT, PLEASE)
FAMILY
FRIENDS

THE READING OF THE OBITUARY
VIVIENNE ELBY BOWERS

**MUSICAL OFFERING** 

THE EULOGY REVEREND CHARLES E. MOCK

THE RECESSIONAL ~ "I'LL FLY AWAY"



THE SERVICE OF COMMITTAL AND INTERMENT
INDIANTOWN GAP NATIONAL CEMETERY
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#### OBITUARY

# RENÉ EDWINA DIGGS HUDSON

was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on Monday, July 2, 1951. She was the eldest child of Mary Speaks Diggs and the late Ernest Diggs, Sr.

She received her formal education in the Harrisburg School System, where she attended the former Edison Junior High School and graduated from the former John Harris Senior High School with the class of 1969.

On February 26, 1972, René married Lynward L. Hudson, Jr.; from this union she birthed two children, André Kevin Hudson and Lynielle René Hudson. She was blessed with three granddaughters, Yazmeen, Bridgett and Erryn.

During her working career, she was an employee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 26 and half years in the Department of Public Welfare.

René was a former member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and was an active member of the Bethel A.M.E Church, now known as Bethel Village. She was committed to actively serving the Lord on various committees, which included serving on Stewardess Board A, as a volunteer Administrative Assistant and on the Multicultural Commission.

In the community, she was a charter member of the Greater Harrisburg Area Chapter of Jack and Jill of America. During her tenure in the organization, she served as President, Vice-president, Teen Advisor and Parliamentarian. In 1995, she was voted the Chapter's Distinguished Mother of the Year for the Eastern Region. She believed in nurturing the young people to want to enhance their lives while trying new things.

Before becoming ill, René loved to sew, use the computer and cook for her family. She cherished sharing precious moments with her family; especially the holidays when they would all get together. She also enjoyed shopping and dining out with her family and friends. Later she truly enjoyed playing and reading to her granddaughters.

On Wednesday, March 4, 2009, THE FATHER sent an angel of silence to take our beloved one home. René leaves to celebrate her life and treasure the precious moments she spent with, her husband, Lynward L. Hudson, Jr.; her son, André Hudson; her daughter, Lynielle Hudson; her three granddaughters, Yazmeen Hudson, Bridgett Coats and Erryn Riley; her mother, Mary Diggs, all of

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; her brothers, Ernest "Ernie" Diggs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richard Diggs and Kevin Diggs; her uncle Marvin "Tink" Speaks, all of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; her nieces, Lorran Cosby of Atlanta, Georgia, Sharonda Diggs, Tanisha Bailey, Dimitra Diggs, who is also her goddaughter, all of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Leah Diggs of South Carolina; her nephews, Richard Diggs II and Erick Diggs of South Carolina; her other goddaughter, Danielle Bowers and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

She wants to be remembered for her strong spirit and her willing ability to help and comfort others.

René wants you to take comfort in knowing her soul is rejoicing in the arms of our Lord and Savior and that she is without pain and is celebrating the reunion with her father and loved ones



#### LOVINGLY SUBMITTED BY HER FAMILY ON BEHALF OF RENÉ



## <u>PALLBEARERS</u>

André Hudson

Dale Palmer Aaron Riley

Ernest Diggs, Jr.
Terry McGraw

Kevin Diggs Brad Jackson

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. II Corinthians 5:8

## FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A heartfelt thanks is extended to all who helped to ease the heavy burden that we share. All kindnesses have sustained us, brought us joy and above all else, the knowledge that true caring friends are always within reach. May God's grace and richest blessings be with you always.





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