



## Joyce K. Somerville

March 25, 1930 - December 16, 2012

JOYCE ELAINE KINNEY, daughter of the late Alice B. Kinney and George C. Jefferson was born in Baltimore, Maryland on March 25, 1930.

Joyce received her education in the Baltimore Public School System and graduated from the Paul Laurence Dunbar Junior-Senior High School in the Class of June 1947. She graduated from Coppin State College (now University) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in June 1952. She furthered her education at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and at Morgan State College (now University) obtaining a Master's Degree Equivalency in Education. Joyce taught elementary school from 1952 until 1982, touching the lives of many young people before retiring.

In 1952, she joined the Arena Players while still in production for their first play. Joyce performed in many plays for several years.

Joyce was devoted to her family. She provided a home for her Uncle John and her Aunt Marian, and lovingly cared for them subsequently to their passing. She also cared for her Aunt Ruby during her illness. Joyce loved children and having none of her own she helped to raise her niece-God-daughter, Robin, and then took her great-niece, Syreta, to care for. Her family will miss her greatly for many years to come.

Joyce was baptized at Trinity Baptist Church on May 12, 1950 under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Volley V. K. Stokes and was a faithful member in good standing at the time of her passing. She was a willing worker and served her church loyally. Joyce was active in many aspects of the Church and throughout the many years served as Chairperson of the Courtesy Committee, Corresponding Secretary of the Women's Guild, a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Debt-Retirement Committee, Chairperson for the Church's Centennial Celebration, Assistant Church Clerk prior to becoming Church Clerk in 1969, where she continued to serve for almost 40 years, Treasurer of the Seniors' Ministry, a member of the Women's Ministry, as well as serving on many other organizations and Ministries in the Church. She was always willing to help wherever she could. The church honored Joyce in 1955, for more than 25 years as Church Clerk.

To cherish her memory she leaves: one sister, Margaret J. Lockett; one brother, Leroy A. Jefferson; two sisters-in-law; three special nieces, Robin S. Reynolds, Syreta N. Spruell and Ronisha Green; two special nephews, Keith Lockett and Timothy Reynolds; several more nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves two special companions, Latisha Page and Terrell Brown, plus her Trinity Baptist Church Family.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Calvary \*

Baltimore, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 21. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
(410) 542-2400  
info@marchfh.com

## Family Hour

DEC 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
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## Service

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DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church  
1601 Druid Hill Ave.  
Baltimore, MD

## Wake

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DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joyce K. Somerville*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *=Joyce Somerville will be missed. She was a vivacious personality in the community, especially when she attended Dunbar Senior High School. Rest in Peace, Joyce.*

*Dorothy Simms Stone  
June Class of 1950  
Dunbar High School*

**Dorothy Simms Stone** - December 23, 2012 at 06:23 PM



“ *Brenda Baten Everette lit a candle in memory of Joyce K. Somerville*



**Brenda Baten Everette** - December 20, 2012 at 07:26 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear of your family's loss. Our Heavenly Father never intended for us to experience the pain of losing a loved one. God promises at Isaiah 25:8 "He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Jehovah himself has spoken it."*

**Shellie Minus** - December 20, 2012 at 12:15 PM

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“ *The death of a loved one is so hard to come to terms with. May our loving, heavenly Father, Jehovah God, who tenderly cares for all of us, comfort you during your time of mourning. His Son, Jesus, once said: Blessed are they who mourn since they will be comforted.*”  
*Jehovah wraps his arms of comfort around us when we face these grievous trials and he promises to comfort us during all our tribulations. 2nd Cor 1:2. May the promised resurrection bring you hope of one day being united with your loved one again.*

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**Rita Johnson** - December 19, 2012 at 11:50 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - December 18, 2012 at 06:18 PM