

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

KEVIN STEWART, DAMIAN STEWART, MATHIAS JENKINS, SAM WILLIAMS,
JAMEL LABOO, MICHAEL MICKENS, EDWARD CURRY JR.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

THE FAMILY WISHES TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE AND THANKS FOR THE MANY
KIND EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY SHOWN DURING THIS TIME OF BEREAVEMENT.
WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT AND PRAYERS THAT WERE OFFERED ON OUR
BEHALF. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

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MEMORY
of
EVANGELIST •
Francine
STEWART

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THE LIFE OF

Francine (LABOO) STEWART

Evangelist Francine “Sadie” Stewart went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 21, 2020. Born October 28, 1951 in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Frank and Evelyn LaBoo, Francine was an avid and life-long learner. She attended Jersey City public schools, graduating in 1967 Synder High School and continuing her education journey by obtaining an Associate’s degree in Nursing from Hudson County Community College in 1969. She then went on to earn her Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from Essex County. After becoming a registered nurse, Francine worked as a nursing instructor at Christ Hospital School of Nursing. Her nursing career then extended through a long and successful experience as an elementary school nurse within the Newark Board of Education, and she retired after 33 years of serving the children.

In 1979 she married the late Leroy Stewart and gave birth to her two sons, Kevin and Damian. Francine maintained strong relationships with her sons, supported their continued education and their business development. She was immensely proud of her boys and took joy in their visits home and regular calls.

Francine’s particular calling was to minister and care for people through hard times. She understood what it meant to be touched and changed by the healing hand of God. After recovering from an illness and hospitalization in the mid-1980’s, she heard and answered the Lord’s call, by giving her life to Christ. She joined First Timothy Baptist Church in Newark, NJ and, under the careful hand of the late Pastor James L. Batts Sr., she was evangelized and developed her Christian walk. There, she also grew in her faith and began her ministry. Her sons have fond memories of her witness and dedication even in her own home, where she would teach the Word of God with fervor through daily devotions, songs, prayer and scripture reading. She was committed to Christ, and that commitment shaped how she loved and motivated everything she did.

Another special aspect of Francine’s ministry was her passion to serve the aging and sick. Francine ministered to seniors through weekly bible study at senior centers throughout Newark. The Book of James says that pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction...this was exactly what Evangelist Francine did. Year-round, she visited those who are aging alone and showered them with love and care. During the holiday season, however, she showed particular care. Francine brought people together to worship God during her Thanksgiving dinners at the senior center, singing and praising the Lord, Jesus. Many will miss her loving presentation of these worship services, as well as her bible studies.


Evang. Stewart faithfully served as a chaplain with the United Chaplin International Worldwide Outreach, Inc., a body of believers that minister to families with special needs to improve their quality of life. She also participated in the Bible Study Fellowship and faithfully served her church home, The Love of Jesus Family Church. Francine valued the fellowship of the saints and the study of God’s Word.

Francine loved to travel. Day trips and vacations with her family and closest friends filled her life with love and memorable experiences. She was intentional about staying connected with her family through yearly family reunion trips, which she took great pleasure in attending. She was always planning a new adventure with her “travel buddies”, Barbara Jean, Karen, and Laura. She was planning to live, to enjoy the abundance of the life God has given her. She had plans to cruise Alaska, to drive south to see family, and mostly likely was a part of organizing a church event. In addition to travel and family, Francine also loved to eat out, particularly at diners. She found ways to enjoy food and incorporate family and fellowship. Her sons will always remember her apple waffles on snowy days and her amazing cheesecake.

Looking back over Evang. Francine life the calling to serve was a reoccurring theme – she was called to care for the sick, she was called to teach the Word of God and she was called to minister to the body of Christ. She was a true evangelist of the Gospel and her life evidenced one of her favorite scriptures, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...” Matthew 26:19-20.

Evangelist Stewart was predeceased by her father and mother, Frank and Evelyn LaBoo, and by her brother, James LaBoo.

Francine Stewart leaves to cherish her memory two sons, Kevin (Nadiyah Jenkins) Stewart of New Jersey and Damian (Ashley) Stewart of Connecticut; three sisters, Lillie Mickens, Bernice Shannon, and Laura Elmstead; one sister-in-law, Caroline LaBoo; three uncles, Rev. James LaBoo of South Carolina, Wiley LaBoo of Florida and James Kelly of South Carolina; five aunts, Georgia Spann of New York, Ella Mae Colcolough, Dr. Earlene Walker-Kelly of South Carolina, Bertha Wells and Dorothy Green, all of New Jersey; two grandchildren, Mathias and Kimora; special nephews Jamel LaBoo and Eric LaBoo; god-daughter, Melissa Knight; longtime friends, Barbara Jean Curry, Karen and Sam Williams; a host of nieces and nephews; The Love of Jesus Family Church; and a host of loving family and friends.



For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Call to Worship Selection

Prayer of Comfort:
Elder Maxine Champagne

Scripture Reading:
Old Testaments: Rev. Laura Wright
New Testament: Rev. Glenda Collins

Hymn of Comfort

Acknowledgments:
Jamel LaBoo and Ashley Stewart

Reflections:
Barbra Curry and Karen Williams
Laura Elmstead
Damian and Ashley Stewart

(2 mins please)

Obituary:
Sis. Shelby Brown

Sermonic Selection

Eulogy:
Rev. Buford Champagne, Jr.

Final Viewing

Recessional

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of
man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9

To my baby sister,
You crossed my mind so many times that I asked the
angels to be near you.
I whispered a prayer that God will stand by your side,
loving protecting and guiding you.
I will be forever missing you, Laura.

Sadie,
I love you my Baby Sis. I know that God called you
home to rest from your work down here.
One day we will meet again. – Love Bernice.

Sadie,
You will truly be missed. I miss you already.
I will miss our nightly phone calls. I love you, Lillie.

Best friends are how God gives hugs. I missed you today I will miss you
tomorrow. Tears in my eyes and heart full of sorrow. I hold on to the
memories of the great times we had. But your influence on me will
always make you a part of my life. Our constant communication will
always be missed.
With all my love your sister/friend in Christ.
Love, Barbara

To my Dear Sister, the last words we said to each other was "I love you
and we will always be sisters". These words I will always keep deep in my
heart for the rest of my life. I thank God for the bond of sister-ship we
had together. I will miss the good times, talking on the phone, praying to
together, crying and laughing together, serving God together and your
beautiful smile. Rest in God my dear sister until we meet again in
heaven.
"love you" your sister Karen.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green
pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides
me along the right paths for his name's sake. – Psalm 23 1-3

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Francine STEWART

FOR THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR PERMANENT HOME; WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A HOME YET TO COME. THEREFORE, LET US OFFER THROUGH JESUS A CONTINUAL SACRIFICE OF PRAISE TO GOD, PROCLAIMING OUR ALLEGIANCE TO HIS NAME. AND DON'T FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED. THESE ARE THE SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD. HEBREWS 13:14-16