



Rev. Kathy J. Lester-Guider

April 4, 1961 - January 15, 2014

Her Story

Rev. Kathy Jean Lester-Guider

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“There’s a wonderful peace in knowing that our Lord is always there watching over us with boundless love, keeping us in his care...”

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(PHOTO HERE) Kathy Jean Lester-Guider, the daughter of the late Grady Lester and Beatrice Lester Victor, was born April 4, 1961, in Brooklyn, New York.

Kathy was a native New Yorker. She received her formal education in the Northeast High School in Macon, Georgia, graduating class of 1979. Upon returning to New York, she went on to become a Police Officer for the City of New York Police Department Auxiliary, Badge #10363. She was formerly employed as an Executive Legal Administrative Assistant for Samuel T. Cooper III, Esquire; Harrisburg Patriot News, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Carlisle SynTec, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She was previously on several community boards including the Central Pennsylvania Regional Chamber of Commerce, The Central Pennsylvania African American Chamber and The Harrisburg Fair Housing Council.

In 2004, she was licensed as a minister at Harambee United Church of Christ,

and in 2008, she was ordained as a Reverend. In 2011, she received her Master of Divinity and her Master of Arts in Christian Education in 2013 from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at the Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.

She was blessed to be an Associate Minister of Kingdom Embassy, an Apostolic Training Center in the heart of Harrisburg. She served in the leadership roles of Christian Education Pastor, Advisor to Kingdom Embassy's Women's Ministry, New Disciples Instructor, Church School/Bible Study Instructor, Property Acquisition Board Member and was formerly a member of the Praise Team and Mass Choir. Rev. Guider in the past served as an Associate Minister of Antioch UHC, and at Harambee United Church of Christ and its successor, Kingdom Embassy, Inc., of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania as an Associate Pastor.

Recently, Rev. Guider had been newly appointed to the position of Senior Associate Pastor at the Choice Community Christian Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Kaye, as she was affectionately called, was very family and friend oriented-- she took neither for granted. Her loyalty was to God, her love for family and friends and her integrity was for life and each one must all be wrapped in truthfulness.

On December 8, 1990, she married the love of her life, Charles E. Guider. They celebrated their love by renewing their vows on December 8, 2011. Kaye and her husband, who she affectionately called "Charlie," enjoyed life together as they traveled to many destinations here and abroad, if not cross-country to Los Angeles, California, then on to Bermuda where they spent their first honeymoon.

Kaye was a woman who loved God and God's people. Having a heart of compassion for people and their well-being, she served on the board of numerous community organizations standing up for justice and proclaiming righteousness. She flowed in an apostolic-pastoral anointing that allowed her to fulfill her calling to edify, empower and release men, women, boys and girls into their destiny. She ministered through prophetic preaching, teaching and praying that transformed lives. She was in demand as a speaker for many Women's Conferences and Retreats and traveled internationally ministering hope and encouragement. She was also the CEO and Founder of Sweet Love of Jesus Ministries which is a community-based transition ministry that offers a new meaning to "assisted living."

(PHOTO HERE) She was a woman that strived to be a voice of truth and a person of integrity in all she did. She had a heart and mind that desired to do the will of God and to be a voice crying in the wilderness for those the world had forgotten.

She ministered through a God appointed prophetic anointing for teaching, preaching and giving words of knowledge and wisdom through the Holy Spirit. Kaye's preaching style was very easy to understand. She believed that God had allowed her to be this way in order to become and stay involved in the mission of God, to discover the truth about the issues of life, to learn ways to minister to others while continuing the work of the kingdom, producing faith, our labor prompted by love and our endurance inspired by hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

She strived to be a voice of truth and a person of integrity. She had a heart and mind that desired to do the will of God. She often ministered through a prophetic anointing. She believed that anyone can be taught, but it was the responsibility of the teacher to reach the student.

With her family at her bedside on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, Kaye heard God whisper her name, and she transitioned from this earthly life into eternal life. She leaves to celebrate her life her loving and devoted husband, Charles E. Guider of Middletown, Pennsylvania; her two stepdaughters, Brandie and Debra Motley, both of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; her mother, Beatrice Lester Victor of Middletown; brother, Benny I. Lester of Macon, Georgia; three step-grandchildren; her mother-in-law, Roseann J. Guider of Harrisburg, PA; brother-in-law, Kevin Guider (Bobbie) of Middletown; sisters-in-law, Dione Loncar (Keith), Sophia Clowe (Damon), all of Harrisburg; and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

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