



Mrs. Mary Ellen Swanson

January 12, 1957 - July 17, 2014

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant,
And a time to pluck up that which is planted.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

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Mary Ellen Swanson, daughter of the late Celester Greene and the late Alfred Scales Jr., was born Saturday, January 12, 1957, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

“Sis,” as she was affectionately known by family and friends, was educated in the Harrisburg School District. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was presently a member of Imani African Christian Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Nathaniel J. Gadsden which afforded her the opportunity to appreciate her African history and cultural heritage.

Mary’s employment history included fifteen years of service at the West Shore Rehabilitation Center and later with Capital Area Transit before taking early retirement.

Her life passions were spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren who were the greatest jewels that God placed in her crown, as well as cooking, traveling, sewing, African Dance and working with the

Daughters of ANKH which allowed her to mentor young women.

Mary peacefully transitioned into eternal life on Thursday, July 17, 2014, while at her Harrisburg home surrounded by her loving family. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one nephew, Hawson K. Greene Jr., and one niece, Sharika Greene.

Mary leaves to lovingly honor her legacy her devoted husband of forty-three years, Edward T. Swanson; her five children, Lateta Thompson (Keith), Amechre Greene (Chonita), Nadji Greene (Shelley), Jarelle Greene and Belinda Terry, all of Harrisburg; three sisters, Helena Wilson of Jamaica, NY, Jacqueline Prather and Edna Ann Greene, both of Harrisburg; four brothers, Larry Greene (Sara), Odell Greene (Sonia), all of Harrisburg, Barry Lawton of Baltimore, MD, and Michael Lawton of Hawaii. Her memory will also be cherished by her twelve grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted by the Family of Mrs. Mary Ellen "Sis" Swanson

Mrs. Swanson's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 26, 2014, at Redeem United Church, 860 Wood Street, Steelton, PA, with viewing from 10 to 11 a.m.

Officiant, Rev. Dr. Nathaniel J. Gadsden

# Tribute Wall

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“ I'd like to leave my condolences to the family of Mary Swanson. At this time may the God of the Bible strenghten the family because Death is something we will never accept. Read what God will put into motion at Revelation 21:3&4 also John 5:28&29. You can read these scriptures online at [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

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**Teri Morgan** - August 12, 2014 at 01:46 PM

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“ May Sis rest in peace. Knowing her while grwoing up, uptown harrisburg She was always a beautiful person with a beautiful spirit that was seen through her smile. Sis you are free and I know your match is radiant as it was here on earth. Will miss seeing you here and there. God Bless the Family.



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**Crystal** - July 24, 2014 at 02:16 PM