



## Mrs. Jamilla Conner

December 12, 1930 - October 9, 2013

Jamilla JoAnn Conner (Big Ma) was born December 12, 1938 to the union of Thelma Lee Smith and Phoenix Owens, in Beloit, WI.

Jamilla J. Conner received her formal education at Beloit Memorial High School in Beloit, WI. She furthered her education at UW Parkside, Kenosha WI and Dominican Franciscan College, Racine, WI, where she earned a BA degree in psychology.

Jamilla was awarded Who's Who among students in American Universities. Jamilla J. Conner accepted Christ as her Savior at a young age, and in 1981 she united with New Testament Church.

Jamilla JoAnn Owens was united in holy matrimony with Henry Wallace Conner Sr. in 1954 in Beloit, WI; their union was blessed with three children, Evangelist Henry W. Conner Jr., James Lewis Conner, and Martha Louis (Conner) Malone.

Jamilla was employed by Milwaukee County as The Alcohol and Drug Bureau Chief until her retirement.

Jamilla enjoyed reading, traveling, and spending time with her family. She loved to cook large meals for her family at Christmas.

Jamilla Conner (Big Ma) was a conqueror who loved life. She never let life hold her down. Jamilla knew Jesus was her strength and she acknowledged him in all things. She was the first African American to hold the position of Alcohol and Drug Bureau Chief at Milwaukee County. She enjoyed family and supported and encouraged us all.

Jamilla JoAnn Conner departed this life on October 9, 2013; she was preceded in death by Phoenix Owens (father), and Thelma Lee Smith (mother), Maurice Conner (son), Isaiah Shamar Green (grandson), and Mae Dee Bell (aunt). Jamilla leaves behind to cherish her memory: Three Children; Evangelist Henry W. (Valeria) Conner Jr. Of Burnsville, Minnesota (son), James L. Conner of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (son), Martha L. (Conner) Malone of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (daughter), Two Brothers: Raymond Owens of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and William Griffin of Racine, Wisconsin, Mamie Owens (stepmother) of Racine, Wisconsin, Seven Grandchildren: Traci Conner, Jairee (Mary) Conner, Angel Conner, Songsira Smith (Red), Chemera (Rashied) Shockley, Chevala Conner, and Ephrain Solomiah Jamear Conner (Pretty), Twelve Great Grandchildren, and one Great-Great Grandson.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

5402 N. 91st Street  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Cathedral C.O.G.I.C.  
2677 N. 40th Street  
Milwaukee, WI

## Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Jamilla's passing. I used to work with her and also lived in the condo above her for years. She was a wonderful soul. One thing about Jamilla was that you always knew where she was coming from. She was direct and to the point. I have lost too many good friends recently. She is among them. I will miss her greatly. My condolences to the family.

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**Renee Booker** - October 14, 2013 at 09:32 PM



“ My deepest sympathy for your loss, please find hope and comfort in this scripture Luke 23:43 And he said to him: “Truly I tell you today,\* You will be with me+ in Paradise.”

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**Danielle Joseph** - October 12, 2013 at 12:44 PM