

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# Penny Joyce Polk



January 11, 1953 - October 24, 2008

## Homegoing Service

Saturday, November 1, 2008 - 11:00 A.M.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
825 Newhall Street  
San Francisco, California 94124

Rev. Mervin J. Redmond, Sr., Pastor  
Rev. Emmett J. Neal, Sr., Officiating

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# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Comfort.....Mass Choir

Prayer ..... Pastor Isaac Neal (cousin)

Scripture Reading.....Minister Ralph Neal (cousin)

OLD TESTAMENT .....Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT ..... St John 12:1-6

Selection.....Mass Choir

Acknowledgements.

Cards & Condolences .....Sister Dorothy B. Neal

Solo..... Sister Malkia D. Neal

Obituary Reading..... Dr. Irene D. Lewis

Selection.....Mass Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. Emmett J. Neal, Sr., Pastor (nephew)  
Macedonia Baptist Church, San Francisco

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

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## Interment

Olivet Memorial Park  
1601 Hillside Blvd., Colma, CA 94014

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# Obituary

Penny Joyce Polk was born on January 11, 1953 in San Francisco, California, the last child of the late Jesse and Juanita Neal. Penny was educated in the San Francisco public school system where she attended Bret Harte Elementary, Portola Junior High, and Woodrow Wilson Senior High. She received her high school diploma in 1970 from Wilson where she exhibited strong leadership skills as a member of the drill team and ROTC. Penny was selected as a high school senior to visit Washington, D.C. where she decided to pursue her college education at Howard University.

During her years at Howard, Penny continued her ROTC and drill team service and also worked for the campus newspaper (the "Hilltop"). Penny has always loved to talk and write. In 1977, she proudly received her Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

In 1972, she met and married Barry Hines, Sr. and to that union produced, her first wonderful son, Moriba Jarmal Hines in 1973. After graduating from Howard University, she moved to Reno, Nevada, and met and married Ronald Polk and to that union, she produced her second wonderful son, Rashad Hakim Polk in 1983. While in Reno, she worked for Nevada Bell and continued to work for the telecommunications industry for most of her professional career.

In 1980, Penny moved back "home" to San Francisco, California and reunited with her home church, St. John Missionary Baptist Church where she had been baptized as a child. Penny was active in Sunday School and the Baptist Training Union and led her life devoted to God.

In 1988, Penny and her sons relocated to Silver Spring, Maryland. She continued to pursue her education and received a Master's Certificate in Project Management from George Washington University in 1991. She worked at AT&T as a Project Manager, National Service Manager, Communications System Consultant, and Account Executive until her retirement in 1998. After retirement, she furthered her education at Averett University and received a Masters in Business Administration in 1999. Through American Express, she was certified as a Personal Financial Advisor and continued as a District Leader with Primerica Financial Services.

On June 30, 1996, Penny joined The Peoples' Community Baptist Church (TPCBC) into the Benjamin Tribal Family where she quickly became the leader of Cell Number 11. Penny was one of the original members of TPCBC's International Multicultural Ministry. She also was a member of the Prison Ministry, the Women's Mission Union and Social Action Ministry where she organized and led monthly visits to Manor Care Nursing Home so that the residents could receive Holy Communion. Penny was truly a "worker bee" at her church.

Penny, affectionately called "Mama P" by her grandsons, is fondly remembered for her beautiful smile, big heart, love for dancing and music, commitment to her family, and her strong faith.

Penny leaves to cherish her memories two sons, Moriba and Rashad; one brother, John A. Neal, and sister, Doris Eva Perkins; two grandchildren, Brandon Jesse and Jalen Benjamin Hines; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Neal and Dorothy B. Neal; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

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## You Toiled So Hard...

You toiled so hard  
for those you loved.  
You said goodbye to none,  
Your spirit flew before we knew,  
Your work on earth was done.  
We miss you now,  
our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by we miss you more.  
Your loving smile, your gentle face:  
No one can fill your vacant place.  
Your life was love and labor.  
Your love for your family true.  
You did the best for all of us.  
We will always remember you.

Lovingly Submitted  
The Hines, Polk and Neal Families

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Macedonia & St. John Missionary Baptist Church  
Musician Ricardo Scales

The family wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness  
shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

**THE HINES, POLK AND NEAL FAMILIES**

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