



## Juanita Battle

February 2, 1945 - October 7, 2021

Battle, Juanita M. – 76, of West Cape May, passed away on October 7, 2021. Juanita, affectionately known as “Needie” by family and friends was born on February 2, 1945 in Philadelphia, Pa and in early childhood moved with her mother to Cape May, New Jersey. She was predeceased by her parents, Eleanor Anderson and Leslie Gray and her son, John J.A. Hazel, Jr. Juanita attended elementary school at Star of the Sea Catholic School and Lower Cape May Regional High School in Cape May, NJ.

Juanita leaves to cherish her love and memories: her husband, Joseph Battle, Sr., her devoted sons, Karl L. Gray, Paul C. Hazel (Doris), Kerry H. Hazel, Joseph D. Battle, Jr. along with two dedicated daughters, Sherry R. Hazel and adopted daughter, Celita A. Battle. Especially close to her grandsons, Dominic, Julian and Maison, Juanita was blessed to be greatly adored by all 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and host of cousins, friends and colleagues.

She was proudly the founder of Cape May County’s Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA). Juanita opened the first satellite office in Cape May Court House for women and men who experienced domestic violence or rape in 1980 under the guidance of Atlantic County Women’s Center and with the support of Cape May County Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW). She served domestic violence victims in Cape May County for over forty years, and even into her recent retirement, as a counselor, interventionist, court advocate, presenter and a family liaison.

Juanita was honored for her career of advocacy by local, state and national organizations, including the Maria DiGiacomo Award, the Cape May County Board of Freeholders Recognition, the New Jersey Assembly Award and a 2004 Congressional Recognition Award. She was the Grand Marshal of the WCM Parade and a founding member of Cape Minority Advocates and Cape May’s Center for Community Arts. In addition, she was a lifelong member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Cape May, NJ.

Although Juanita dedicated most of her life to providing support for domestic violence survivors, she was the happiest when surrounded by her beloved grandchildren and great-

grandchildren, family and friends. She really was larger than life, always showing her greatest love at the “ much anticipated “annual family Christmas Breakfast where she reigned in her role as the matriarch of the Anderson/Battle family. Her life of character, dignity, love and compassion is a resonant message to her family, friends and the county that she served.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 12:00 pm at Christ Gospel Church, 2209 Rte. 9 South, Whitesboro, New Jersey, where family and friends will be received from 10:00-11:45 am. For those who are unable to attend the ceremony physically, it will be offered via livestream. The livestream will be active and accessible at 11:50am by clicking this link <https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/juanita-battle> Interment will be immediately following church services at Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery, Cape May, New Jersey. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Spilker Funeral Home, Cape May New Jersey – online condolences can be left at [www.spilkerfuneralhome.com](http://www.spilkerfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Cold Spring Cemetery

780 Seashore Road

Cape May (Lower Township), NJ,

# Events

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**OCT** **Viewing** 10:00AM - 11:45AM

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Christ Gospel Church

2209 Route 9 South, Whitesboro, NJ, US, 08210

**OCT** **Service** 12:00PM

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Christ Gospel Church

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Spilker Funeral Home** - October 19, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ what an amazing woman!

**Lisa M Shaffer** - October 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ You will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for all of our talks that always turned into laughs. I love you Juanita!

**Lisa Nickel** - October 24, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ My FOREVER Sister

**Lynda Towns** - January 29 at 07:41 AM



“ Danielle LoSasso lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Danielle LoSasso** - November 22, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Juanita Battle Recorded Ceremony



**Spilker Funeral Home** - October 27, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ So sorry to have missed giving tribute to Juanita in person. We shared stories and hopes for a better world around a kitchen table many years ago during the founding of the Center for Community Arts. She was a caring, passionate advocate for people in need. The world needs more Needies. In admiration. Judy Austermilller

**Judy Austermilller** - October 21, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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“ Praise God for her legacy, extraordinary honor of selfless, thank you.

**Terri Parris (Carter)** - October 20, 2021 at 03:20 PM

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“ Carolyn Wesrty-Morgan lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Carolyn Wesrty-Morgan** - October 20, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Joe, my prayers are with you and the Family. Love you much

**Carolyn Wesrty-Morgan** - October 20, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ My prayers and condolences to the family , as Mrs. Juanita Battle was a kind and giving women to many. Lovingly Nina Broadnax and Family.

**Nina Broadnax** - October 24, 2021 at 07:07 AM



“ I just found out Juanita passed and my heart is broken. She meant so much to me. What an asset to this county. She will be missed! - Lori Adams

**Lori Adams** - November 05, 2021 at 10:13 AM

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“ With tears of immense joy and deep gratitude, I reflect on the unyielding love of Ms. Juanita. Her sincere contributions are a cornerstone that will uphold core family values that offer lasting cohesive growth.

Ms. Juanita’s demeanor adds peace and great strength to every woman’s journey, especially mine! She lives on forever exactly in this way!

Love

~karlaihebron@gmail.com



**Karla Hebron** - October 20, 2021 at 11:50 AM

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“ My condolences to the entire Battle family. Ms. Needie will definitely be missed and she was always so good to me and my family. I have so many great memories and she will never be forgotten.



**Ray Reyes** - October 20, 2021 at 11:33 AM

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“ I know we have to understand that she is going to be in a better place but she has touched so many people in her life from families to friends and she will be well missed. I remember many days she used to talk with me when I was a young boy telling me what was right and what was wrong still today I have a lot of her morals and her understanding in life. She helped me to mold myself into a better man today. She will be well missed and always have a special place in my heart.

**Glenn Russell** - October 20, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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“ A great loss to her Family and the County . It has been an honor to know her ~love and prayers to all ~~



**Nancy L Hedley** - October 19, 2021 at 02:15 PM

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“ My condolences to Juanita's family. She was a very special lady who helped so many. She had a heart of gold and was truly inspiring.

Stephanie Auletta

**Stephanie Auletta** - October 18, 2021 at 05:53 PM

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“ Dear Joe and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Juanita.and I extend my deepest sympathies.I had the opportunity to meet Juanita on several,occasions and she was always so deeply committed to Joe and the family and to her job. She was a wonderful person and such a presence in West Cape May. She will be truly missed. May she Rest In Peace.

Sincerely,  
Richard Strauss

**Richard Strauss** - October 18, 2021 at 05:40 PM

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“ Richard Reilly lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



Richard Reilly - October 18, 2021 at 09:40 AM

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“ Heartfelt Condolences To The Family!!! Gone, But Never Forgotten!!!



Sereather Pine - October 17, 2021 at 08:28 PM

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“ Lisa And Edward Jurewicz lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



Lisa and Edward Jurewicz - October 16, 2021 at 10:29 PM

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“ Chanel Gray lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Chanel Gray** - October 16, 2021 at 05:39 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the entire family. I have some very fond memories. And I will keep the family in my prayers.  
Michelle Bibbs- Scott

**Michelle Bibbs- Scott** - October 16, 2021 at 05:21 PM

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“ Prayers and Thoughts are with the family. Peace to all. Juanita was a true inspiration to all, I had the privilege of working with her for many years at CARA she was highly respected and was always looked to for guidance. She will be truly missed. I will light a candle in her memory... Peace and Love to the family.  
Cheryl McCullough Bargull...

**Cheryl McCullough Bargull** - October 16, 2021 at 04:19 PM

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“ Diane Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Diane Mitchell** - October 15, 2021 at 09:56 PM

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“ Dear Joe, my heartfelt sympathy to you and all your family and may God bless and comfort you. Sincerely, Mary Ann Hughes

**MaryAnn Hughes** - October 15, 2021 at 09:58 AM

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“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time. Kim and Rob Pullyblank



**Robert Pullyblank** - October 15, 2021 at 08:48 AM



“ So sorry for you and your family, Joe.  
Mr. And Mrs. J.

**Lisa and Edward Jurewicz** - October 16, 2021 at 10:25 PM



“ Dear Joe and Family,  
Sorry sorry to hear of the passing of a very special Lady.  
My prayers are with you and your family. Sandy Brown

**Sandy Brown** - October 19, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ I will miss Juanita. I've worked with her at CARA for many years. We did ceramics together with Jean Gorman. She loved my Mom and I used to bring her over to visit. She still had a picture of her in her office. My Mom loved her, too. I liked making her laugh with my corny jokes.

Rest now, Juanita in the arms of our LORD JESUS.

Elaine and Family

**CARA INC Elaine Bailey** - October 20, 2021 at 11:12 AM

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“ Gwen Fox lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Gwen fox** - October 14, 2021 at 12:18 PM



“ Yvette Russell lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Yvette Russell** - October 14, 2021 at 10:00 AM

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“ Joe and family,

Please accept our condolences on the loss of Juanita. Her whole hearted involvement to help others is a great tribute to her life. May she rest forever in peace.



**Tom and Karyl Palmer** - October 14, 2021 at 07:25 AM

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“ Peggy Sheppard lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Peggy Sheppard** - October 14, 2021 at 06:29 AM

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“ From the day we met you welcomed me with open arms, I could only hope I could be half of what you represented! Your purpose on earth was complete. Rest In Gods loving arms. I love you Mom. Sending all my love to family and friends.



**Kathy Klotz-Watkins** - October 14, 2021 at 01:25 AM

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“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**Amanda** - October 13, 2021 at 10:38 PM

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“ J Bake. lit a candle in memory of Juanita Battle



**J Bake.** - October 13, 2021 at 02:20 PM

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“ To The Entire Battle Family, Our condolences to you all on the passing of Mrs. Battle. She was a wonderful Soul whom surely made her mark on our area. I need not go into how long we have known each other, it's been many,many years. Big Joe, you know how fond my Pop was of her and how much him, and countless others, appreciated all of her hard work and dedication. Please know we are thinking of you are this difficult time and please Joe, take care of yourself. Peace and Love, Jeff Bakley and the Bakley/Marino Family..

**J Bake.** - October 13, 2021 at 02:19 PM