

It's never too late to have Dreams come true



Triphena J. Stevenson

At the age of 86, Triphena J. Stevenson is still working hard to have her dreams come true. A few years ago, she determined that she wanted to write a book about her early childhood in Andrews, South Carolina. Some months ago, her dream came true! She published her first book, "Day Done Dawn!" The title of this delightful collection of stories echoes the words her grandmother would say each morning in bidding the household to rise to greet a new day. She has been very

pleased that so many people have responded so favorably! Even friends and family from New York, Virginia, Indiana, and South Carolina have placed their orders.

Now that her book is written, Triphena J. Stevenson continues to set new goals. Recently, she expressed that she would like to appear on stage in a play. On Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 7 p.m., 86 year old Triphena J. Stevenson will make her acting debut! As a part of Des-

tiny Productions Theater Ensemble's Annual Showcase, Triphena J. Stevenson will perform dramatic readings from her book, "Day Done Dawn." The talented artists of Destiny Productions Theater Ensemble will make her story come to life as they perform scenes from the book and sing Broadway tunes, "Summertime," sung by Kimberly Allen, and "How Blest We Are," led by Tamara Woods. The ensemble consists of a dozen very talented individuals who will provide professional level entertainment through singing, dancing and acting. The show is family friendly and a wonderful treat for people of all ages. Also appearing on the showcase will be Destiny's tap instructor, Barbara Clayton. Our special guests artists in addition to author, Triphena J. Stevenson, will be the famous Libby Spencer Dancers. Students will be accompanied by professional vocal coach, Dave Barrus of Vox Voice Studio in Chestnut Hill.

Triphena J. Stevenson, also affectionately called by many, "Aunt Butch," has been a well known member of the South Philadelphia community for decades. She currently resides at Renaissance Healthcare Facility in Southwest Philadelphia. Despite some recent challenges, the inspiring, joyful and vibrant, Triphena J. Stevenson does not let anything hold her back from reaching her goals! By witnessing her performance at the Wilma Theater (265 S. Broad Street) on July 31st at 7 p.m., you too will be convinced that "It is never too late to have dreams come true." Tickets are \$10 (children under 8 FREE) and can be obtained at the door on the evening of the performance. Her book, "Day Done Dawn" will also be available on the evening of the performance.

For further information, please contact Ruth C. Chapman 267 246-2665.

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