

A Celebration of Life for

Elsie Collins
"Bam"

Sunrise

June 4, 1924

Sunset

May 22, 2010

Service

Thursday, May 27, 2010 - 5:30 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Father Thomas Colletta, Officiating

Rev. Edward Fairley, Eulogist

Melvin Davis, Organist

Reflections of Life

Elsie Collins was born in Henderson, North Carolina on June 4, 1924 to George Marshall and Annie Watson. Elsie was one of seven siblings.

Unfortunately Elsie's mother died during child birth. Elsie was four years old leaving her to be raised by her grandmother, Mariah Marshall. She was later joined by two of her sisters, Eleanor and Lenore Marshall.

Elsie attended Elementary School up to six grade and was not fortunate enough to continue on with her education due to an ailing aunt she had to care for.

At age eighteen Elsie sought employment through a local newspaper ad for a live-in position as a domestic in Paterson, NJ and later went on to work as a home health aide for almost forty years.

Elsie took on Paterson, NJ as her permanent residence where she met and married Oscar Casey. Elsie and Oscar had five children, Teresa, Randolph, Gregory, Arlene and Lenore.

Elsie whom was known as "Bam" acquired this name by her first grandchild, Langdon who could not pronounce a G sound when trying to say grandma (Bam). Bam was a hard working, outgoing, people oriented and truly giving person who was dedicated to her family. She strived to lead and teach her family the value of hard work, good judgement, courage and integrity. She strongly believed in working hard, and she made it a priority to provide strength and support to her family whenever her family needed it. Bam loved planning and assisting in family gatherings and celebrations. Her spirit shined through everyone who enjoyed being in her presence. For we are the grapes that come from this strong vine and continue to grow up the trellis of life we won't falter to carry out her teaching through out our "LIVES".

On Saturday, May 22, 2010, Elsie Collins was called home after being in the hospital for over a month for a short illness.

Elsie was preceded in death by her birth mother, Annie Watson, her father, George Marshall, brother, Melvin and Macon Marshall, sisters, Lenore Bobbitt and Annie Fuller, son, Gregory Casey and grandchildren, Langdon and Lance Schultz.

She is survived by: her daughters, Teresa Schultz, Arlene Zacchaeus and Lenore Peries; son, Randolph Casey; her sisters, Zemora Marshall and Eleanor Hargrove; grandchildren, Trenace, Mia, Ursula and Heidi Davenport, Ilsa and Ian Schultz, Eron Billingsley, Ferrari Pines and Marcus Cason; great grandchildren, Damion Smith, Areyautney Jeffreys, Azure Pines, Tempie Schultz, Mariah, Shane Wood, Chase Davenport and Shahon Baker; great great grandchild, Mojave Smith; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude *Melvin Davis*

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Selection

Prayer of Comfort *Curtis Watson*

Selection

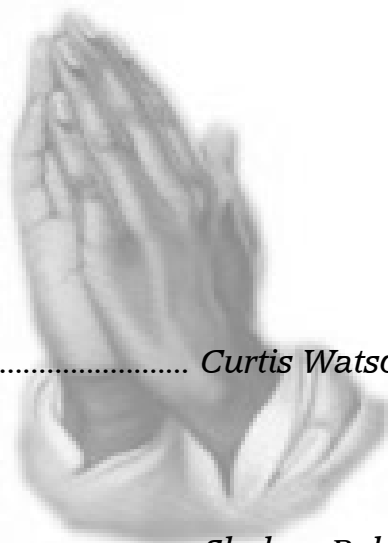
Acknowledgements
& Reflections of Life *Shahan Baker*
Tracey Rhodes
Chase Davenport

Remarks

Selection

Eulogy *Rev. Edward Fairley*

Recessional



Interment
Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

I Said A Prayer For You Today

*I said a prayer for you today,
and knew God must have heard.
I felt the answer in my heart,
although He spoke no words.*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked him to send treasures
of a far more lasting kind.*

*I asked that He'd be near you
in all things great and small,
but it was for His loving care
I prayed for most of all.*

-Author Unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Elsie "Bam" Collins** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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