

In Loving Memory of
Rosa Belle Swinney

Sunrise
July 8, 1937

Sunset
July 26, 2010

Saturday, July 31, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Apostle James Greene, Jr., Officiating
Minister Tyrone Richardson, Organist

Obituary

Rosa Belle Alston-Swinney was born on July 8, 1937 in Louisburg, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Al Alston and Sophia Alston. She departed this life on Monday, July 26, 2010 at Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York.

She was educated in the Louisburg school system and graduated from Perry's High School with honors in 1955.

She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at an early age. She was baptized at Perry's Chapel Baptist Church also in Louisburg, North Carolina.

Rosa Belle always loved the "Big City Lights" she pursued her passion and moved up north to Washington D.C. and eventually made New York City her permanent home.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in the Bronx, NY, "Praying that her family and friends would find the same Saviour as she." She remained a faithful member until she became ill and her mobility was restricted.

Throughout her long illness her faith and belief in God never wavered. She was a woman of phenomenal strength who always had a positive outlook on life, never ever complained and always saw the "good" in everyone. No matter what obstacles presented themselves, she always maintained that happy go lucky - upbeat attitude. She fought the good fight for a very long time.

Rosa Belle held several jobs throughout her life, including Delta Airlines, the U.S. Postal Service and Boys Harbor, NYC to name a few.

She enjoyed reading, singing, writing poems and decorating. She took pride in making sure to never miss a family member or friend's birthday or anniversary and you could count on hearing from her on that special day every year. She was a woman of great wisdom and pride who loved to dress up and always presented herself beautifully.

She will now spend her eternal life happily in the city of the brightest light of all, where God's glory shines always. (Rev Chapter 21 & 22).

Rosa Belle leaves to cherish her loving memories: two daughters whom she loved so very much, Desiree Swinney Merriweather (husband, Charles) and Wilhelmenia Swinney Greene (husband, James) from Georgia; a stepson whom she cared for and loved as her own, Robert Carn (wife, Michelle) from New Jersey; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A dear sister, who loved and cherished her and who was there for her every step of the way through her trials and tribulations to the very end, Jennie Ann Carter of New York; a brother who also loved her so much, John Alston of North Carolina.

Rosa Belle had a significant life partner whom loved her to the very end and whom she loved dearly, Boysie "BB" Carn (Bronx, NY). He was there for her, loved her, took care of her unconditionally to the very end. Where some may have said No, not our "BB" he always said Yes when it came to his "Rose". We thank him and we love him so much for his unflinching dedication to our mother.

We would also like to thank her care provider, Leslie Perez. The care and support you provided to our mother is greatly appreciated.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Eulogy *Apostle James Greene, Jr.*

Selection

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery
Paramus, New Jersey*



A
Better
Place

She's in a better place right now
Than she's ever been before
All pain is gone; she is now at rest
Nothing troubles her anymore.

It's we who feel the burden of
Our sadness and our grief;
We have to cry, to mourn our loss,
Before we get relief.

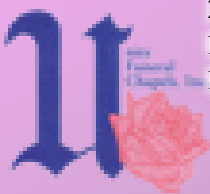
We know we'll reconnect with her
At the - end of each life's road;
We'll see her cherished face again
When we release our earthly load.

(Author unknown)

*From
Your children, grandchildren
& great-grandchildren
We love you Mother forever.*

Acknowledgement

*The family 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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