



*In Loving Memory  
of*

*Ida  
Mae  
Graham*

**Sunrise**  
*April 27, 1928*

**Sunset**  
*July 31, 2010*

## Obituary

**Ida Mae Graham** was born on April 27, 1928 in Newark, NJ to the late Anna and Collin Graham. Ida was baptized at an early age and was no stranger to the church.

Ida was educated in the Newark School system attending Charlton Street Elementary School and graduating from South Side High School.

Ida was a stay at home mom who raised five children, Betty Ann Cobb, Abdul A. Bashir, Julie A.C. Holland, (Ronald Edward Cobb and Lawrence Charles Cobb, both deceased). During her children's formative years, she could be seen at all school functions, PTA meetings and was Den Mother to a local Cub Scout troop.

It wasn't until her children were in high school that she went to work for Metro/Ball Glass of Carteret, NJ as an inspector. Ida retired from the company after more than thirty-five years of service.

Ida was a caring and selfless individual, who would help anyone who came to her door for assistance. She loved to cook, travel, read and bowl. She never forgot a birthday. We all looked forward eagerly to them for they represented getting a card, a present and money - - \$1 for each year.

Ida was the matriarch of a large family, whom she leaves to mourn her passing: a former husband, John Robert Cobb; children, two daughters, Betty Cobb of Newark and Jule Holland of Virginia; a son, Abdul Aziz Bashir; her sister, Earnestine Evans; her niece, Brenda Evans; seven grandchildren, Samad, Hakim, Hassan, Faheem Lamont, Muslimah, Shakir and Wakeelah; eleven great grandchildren, Rashad, Naisha, Renaysha, Zakiyya, Sekou, Jasir, Shakir, Jr., Jahnashia, Delilah, Juwaan and Maurice, Jr.; three great-great grandchildren, Khalil, Ann Marie and Arianna; a great nephew, Derek, Jr.; great niece, Carolyn Mattos; and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Friday, August 6, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

## **COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ 07112

**Pastor Andre Coffee, Officiating**

Musical Prelude ..... “Precious Lord”  
Cynthia Crawford

Processional ..... Clergy & Family

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Andre Coffee

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Rev. 21:1-17

Reflections (2 minutes please)

Remarks ..... Hakim Shakir  
Samad Washington  
Hassan Washington

Obituary ..... Muslimah Bashir

Selection ..... “I Won’t Complain”  
Cynthia Crawford

Eulogy ..... Rev. Andre Coffee

Closing Prayer

Musical Prelude

Recessional

**Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a purple top and a necklace, is holding a large white rose. The background is a soft, light purple gradient.

# *To Those I Love*

*To those I love and those that love me,  
When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you my love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while for me if you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see me or touch me,  
I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you so soft and clear  
And then, when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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