


*Remembrance
of the Life*

A black and white photograph of a woman, Annie V. West, sitting in a wooden chair. She is wearing a patterned dress and a headscarf, and is smiling at the camera. The background is a plain wall.

Annie V. West

November 24, 1916 - September 11, 2010

Reflections of Life

Annie V. West (Fosque) daughter of Annie May and Robert C. Fosque was born on November 24, 1916 in Accomac, Virginia. Annie West was preceded in death by her sisters, Bessie Mae Pegesse, Helen West, Margaret Fosque, Madeline Fouskey and Sarah Bundick. Annie is survived by her sister, Lillian Coleburn of Baltimore, Maryland.

Annie left Accomac, VA and relocated to Paterson, NJ in the late 1930's to find employment and a better life. On August 24, 1941, Annie and George West (predeceased 1978) were married. Many remember Ann from 175 Pearl Street in Paterson, NJ. After a long stay on Pearl Street she moved to 349 Hamilton Avenue, Paterson, NJ to help her mother when she became ill. She was employed for over thirty-eight years in the dry cleaning business at Spotless Cleaners in Paterson, NJ and Topps Cleaners in Fair Lawn, NJ as a presser when she decided it was time to retire. After she retired she moved to the Governor Paterson Towers for Senior Citizens on 20th Avenue, Paterson, NJ.

Annie lived a life full of zest, spirit and energy. As a young girl Annie always had dreams of the nicer things in life than most girls her age. She would pick bushels of strawberries in the field so that she could order her clothes from the catalogs of Sears and Roebuck. When she received her clothes in the mail she wore them with style and class. Annie always loved good music, good food and a good time. When you were in her company you were always going to have a great time. She was not going to waste time on being unhappy because there was too much to do and see in life. She enjoyed entertaining and being hospitable. If you ever had the privilege to have a dinner at her home it was not just a dinner, it was a banquet with all the trimmings you didn't expect. Sweet potatoe pies, macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, chicken and dumplings, and a pot of hog maws & chitlins that she did not like or eat but was always on the menu for the benefit and enjoyment of others. Fine china, linen, glassware and desserts made the ambiance of the finest restaurant at her home. Have you ever had homemade ice cream? Well Annie had the children churn the wooden barrel with salt and ice for their dessert. What a treat for us kids! Every August/September the grapes from the vineyard in the backyard on Pearl Street were ready for making wine for the adults and fruit snacks for the kids.

She loved a beautiful flower garden in her yard and pretty plants in her home. Make a Saturday night visit and you can be sure there will be a card party before the night was over. Annie enjoyed her dependable car, sewing, crocheting, knitting and she learned to play the piano. She would not be stumble by any challenge if she wanted to accomplish it. Many fond memories were made at Annie West's Home.

On August 5, 1973, Annie was baptized in symbol of her dedication to Jehovah God. She strived to remain close to Him by considering a scripture text regularly. Annie and her friends would frequently engage in the ministry of sharing good news with others about Jehovah God's Kingdom to those who they met on Market Street and Broadway downtown Paterson, NJ. She had the privilege of pioneering and did the best she could do.

Annie always made herself available for those in need of transportation to a store, market, a ride to the Kingdom Hall or a trip back home to Virginia as she enjoyed the company of others.

Approximately four years ago, when her health started to decline she remained positive in her outlook. Every morning she would say "Good Morning" to all that were in her company and when someone would reply "what's so good about today" she would reply back that "we are still here!" on September 11, 2010, Annie V. West fell asleep in death at St. Mary's Hospital.

Annie V. West leaves to mourn her "a" special nephew, James E. Fouskey and his wife, Kathy; nieces, Reigh Pegesse-Collick and Hazel V. Wright (Fouskey) and husband, Donald. She also leaves to mourn Patricia P. Salandy (Fouskey), Robin Ann Canada (Fouskey) and husband, Michael, Karen S. Bennett (Fouskey) and husband Rodney, Kevin J. Fouskey, Micah T. Fouskey, Camara Brown (Johnson) and husband, Greg and Jabarr Reames. Included in those who will greatly miss her and her great-great nieces and nephews, great great great nephews and also a host of cousins.

Annie will be deeply missed by her friends in the Central Paterson Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses who she dearly loved and talked about during visits with her.

Until her death she maintained her zeal for life and her wit with words and willingness to share her wisdom with others. We loved you Aunt Annie and we all will miss you. We are grateful that you were our aunt and we look forward to welcoming you in the paradise.

Order of Service

Service

Saturday, September 18, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

209 Trenton Avenue
Paterson, New Jersey

Brother Holland Williams, Officiating

O that in Sheol you would conceal me, That you would keep me secret until your anger turns back, That you would set a time limit for me and remember me! If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? All the days of my compulsory labor I shall wait, Until my relief comes. You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.

Job 14:13-15

Memorial Talk and Obituary Holland Williams

Song #134 "See Yourself When All Is New"

Closing Prayer



Final Disposition

Cedar Lawn Crematory
Paterson, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at
40 Sylvan Avenue, Clifton, NJ.



Acknowledgement

The family of Annie V. West wishes to give a heartfelt thank you to the many friends and family members who were always at Aunt Annie's side with support, encouragement, prayers and kind deeds during her illness. Many of you gave Aunt Annie the extra push to endure with your visits, phone calls, plants, food and cards. Annie was admired because of your many visits with her and she felt very proud to have you in her life.

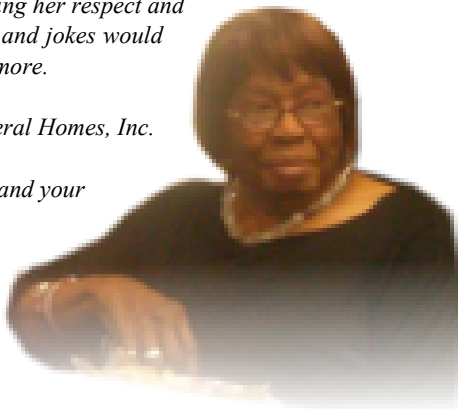
To the staff of Englewood Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and Daughters of Miriam.

Thank you for your care and concern during her stay at your facility. Thank you for your compassion and kindness to our Aunt Annie. Your diligent efforts daily to take care of her and your patience will always be appreciated. Many of you had a special bond with "Miss West" and you made her stay under your care a memorable one. Thank you for showing her respect and dignity. Your laughs, conversations and jokes would make her smile and talk more.

To the staff of Carnie P. Bragg Funeral Homes, Inc.

Thank you for professional services and your assistance during this difficult time.

And no resident will say "I am sick..." Isaiah 33:24



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