

# Reflections of Life

**Myrtle Herrioett** was born in 1951 in Harlem, New York, she was raised by parents Lillie Mae and John Jenkins in Paterson, NJ at the Towers--85 Presidential Blvd. Apt. 6D, to be exact. This was the loving home filled with good food and stories, where she was raised with her late sister, Ruby Saunders.

Not surprising to those who knew her, she was a loved and popular girl at John F. Kennedy High School; a member of the first graduating class to complete all four years at the then newly erected school.

Post-high school, Myrtle worked as a Bank Manager with First Fidelity for nearly twenty years, before changing paths and working toward a new career in the medical health care system.

A strong, independent, and confident woman, at the age of thirty, gave birth to her only child, Tiffany Noel Herrioett, and raised her as a single parent. Many said, and still say, they are two peas in a pod, as they were very close, and very much alike.

Known for her famous potato salad, Myrtle loved to cook, and her friends, family, daughters friends, and even some unknown folk, traveled far and wide to enjoy the many meals she provided. She often teased her daughter, Tiffany, about her "alleged" cooking skills she supposedly got from her mom, but never got to experience. Everyone should be happy to know, that after many years of verbal jabs, Tiffany finally made dinner for her mom, and got her seal of approval. For those of you who know her, this story reminds you of many funny anecdotes. For those who remember her hearty laugh, it will be missed dearly.

Myrtle Herrioett, a long-time resident of Paterson, New Jersey, was called back to God on the morning of Saturday, April 2, 2011.

She is survived by: her loving soul mate, Darryl Rogers of Paterson; daughter, Tiffany N. Herrioett of New York; brothers, Charles and Jimmy Lee Herriott of South Carolina and Donald Jenkins of Virginia; her beloved uncle, Amos Dickerson of Paterson; dear friend and soul sister, Dorothy Moore of Paterson; her "future son-in-law", Colin Tipton of New York; god-daughter, Nyasia Jackson as well as cousins, nieces, nephews, and many close friends.

# Order of Service

#### **Processional**

### **Congregational Hymn**

"Blessed Assurance"

## **Holy Scripture Reading**

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes, 3:1-8 New Testament - Romans, 8:35-39

### **Prayer of Comfort**

#### **Musical Selection**

Mass choir choice

#### **Family Tributes and Reflections**

Poem – This is the Day Amos Dickerson Jr.

#### **Acknowledgments and Resolutions**

#### **Obituary Reading**

Violet Nicole Herriott

#### **Musical Selection/Solo**

### **Eulogy**

Reverend Robert Russell

#### Recessional

## **Honorary Pall Bearers**

Orrin Dickerson Donovan Mcnair Roderick Scott Levon Myles Edward Roman Willie Favors, Jr.

#### **Interment**

Saturday, April 9, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. Fair Lawn Cemetery Fair Lawn, New Jersey This is the day I lost my mom words cannot
express the pain I feel in my heart
emptiness, anger, sadness, and tears
This is the day I lost my mom

This is the day her spirit picked me up and gave me the courage
to get through each task she wrapped her spirit around me
and lifted me up she gave me God's hand
together, they gave me my strength
This is the day I remember my "mommie"
her style, her grace the swivel of her hips
when she knew she looked "sharp!"

that mighty laugh that warmed my heart her stroking my hair
in sickness and sadness through good times and bad
Her potato salad how long it took
to get those top secret special recipes her stern warning:

"don't you give away my recipes!" always telling me like it is in the only way she knew how. This is the day my mom has been called back to God I may not understand but now; she's back in God's hands. This is the day I will sadly, but lovingly honor and cherish her memory This is the day God's carried her home.

## Acknowledgement

Words can't express our appreciation to concerned family and friends who have come to our aid and sent prayer and condolences our way. The family would like to acknowledge with deep appreciation these expressions of love, concern and kindness during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

-Herrioett/Rogers Family

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