

*Home Going Celebration*

*for*

*Gracie L. Gaines*

*April 29, 1952 - December 30, 2011*



*Service*

*Saturday, January 7, 2012 - 9:00 a.m.*

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

359 Van Houten Street • Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Joel Rudolph, Pastor*

*James E. Williams, Organist*



*To wander through this living world  
and leave such sunshine in your midst  
is a feat many who exist, cannot even accomplish.*

*For a beautiful soul is so hard to come by,  
a heart so full of joy and laughter it makes you  
cry willing to give all until you had nothing  
the rest of us never realizing you'd always have  
something the sun will set, the vines will grow  
years will pass , tears will flow but your spirit  
will keep us warm and your love will light the  
way for you shall forever be, more than a smile  
and a beautiful memory.*

*Your Oldest Grand daughter*

*Dominique*



## *Reflections of Life*

The train that runs from Earth to Glory has once again made a stop at 1560 La Maderia Drive, Palm Bay, FL on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 4:38 AM and **Gracie L. Gaines** caught that non-stop train to Glory. She was one to never complain, even during her fight with cancer she knew what it was to be content and to trust the Lord. Gracie Gaines was the daughter of Rev. Eddie McClam Jr. and Gracie Bell Singletary. She was born in Lake City, South Carolina and was joined in holy matrimony to Daniel Gaines. In this union, two beautiful daughters were born. Gracie was educated in the public schools of Paterson, New Jersey; she worked as a Nurse's Aide for many years and later retired. She loved to sing and was one of the original members of the Gospel Enchanters singing group. Gracie enjoyed lifting other's spirits, you could be assured that you were going to get a good laugh if you knew her. Gracie accepted the Lord as her savior at an early age. She loved sharing the love of the Lord with others by her giving and caring spirit.

She was preceded in death by: her father and mother, Rev. Eddie McClam Jr. and Gracie B. Singletary; her husband, Daniel Gaines; one granddaughter, Carrington Lewis; as well as two brothers, Scecil McClam and Leroy McClam;

She leaves to cherish her memories: two daughters and sons-in-law, Kecia L. Lewis, (James Lewis) of Florence SC., Danielle Johnson, (Dominic Johnson) of Palm Bay, FL; seven grandchildren, Dominique Johnson, Brandon Lewis, Nicolette Lewis, Jair Johnson, Kahtia Johnson, Kylee Johnson, Domani Johnson; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Bluease Godwin (David Godwin), Elder Verleen McKenzie of Paterson NJ, Tina Woods (Richard Woods) of Suitland MD and Eadie Wiggins (Steven Wiggins) of Greensboro, NC; two brothers, Arthur McClam and Woodrow McClam; five aunts, Essie M. Wilson, Minnie Brown, Willa Mae Nelson, Hazeline Graham and Martha McClam; three uncles, Hoyt McClam, Frank Nelson and Foster Graham; former brother-in-law, Pastor Moses McKenzie; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



*Dear Mommy,*

*We have walked this journey for many years together and now it's time for us to take different paths. You have taught me to be the best person that I can be. You have given me many gifts, the gift of laughter, the gift of cooking, and most of all the gift of love. My world will be very different without you. I will miss talking to you on the phone every other day and especially early Sunday mornings when I wake up and you are on your way to church. You have been a great mother to me, and a great nana to my children. I love you so much and I'm so glad that you knew it. You have always told Danielle and I to give you your flowers while you are living because when you are gone you can't smell them, and that's what we did. Oh dear sweet mommy, I miss you so much I pray the pain in my heart will stop aching eventually one day. What makes me smile through all this pain is that I know you are with our father in heaven. You don't have to worry about anything anymore. Just rest peacefully because you have done your job and you did it well. Our paths have changed, but I will meet you on this journey again one day. With all my love your oldest daughter.*

*~ Kecia*

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*“Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her  
own works praise her in the gates”*

Praise Prelude

Presiding

Prayer of Comfort

Selection.....C.F.C Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalms 23

New Testament .....I Cor, 15:51-58

Solo.....Tina Woods

Remarks.....Clergy

Family Tributes.....Danielle Johnson  
Dominique Johnson  
Kahtia

Johnson

Kecia & James

Lewis

Acknowledgement of Condolences

/Reading of Obituary .....Dr. Robyn Porter

Selection ..... Evang. Verleen & Victoria McKenzie and

Choir..... CFC Sanctuary

The Spoken Word.....Rev. Dr. Joel D. Rudolph, Sr..  
Senior Pastor-CFC

Recessional/Benediction

## **Interment**

Laurel Grove Cemetery  
Totowa, New Jersey

## *In Appreciation*

The family of the late **Gracie L. Gaines** wishes to express this thought: Perhaps you sang a lovely song, or sat quietly in a chair, Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there; Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words, as any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day; Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, or maybe furnished a car; Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar; Whatever you did to console the heart, We thank you so much-Whatever the part.

*May God bless you.*

*The Family*



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