

### Hymn to a Good Wife

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds. Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it. Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long.

She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing. She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises. She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day. She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden. First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started. She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day.

She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking. She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor. She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear. She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks. Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers. She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops. Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile. When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly. She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive. Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise:

"Many women have done wonderful things,  
but you've outclassed them all!"

Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God. Give her everything she deserves! Festoon her life with praises!

*Proverbs 31:10-31 - The Message (MSG)*

### *Acknowledgements*

On behalf of **Grace B. Killen's** remaining family, we would like to say thank you for all you have done. To the doctors, nurses, and staff that took care of her; to the family members, both immediate and distant that expressed their love, care, and concern, **THANK YOU** for all that you did. It was truly appreciated and well received. To the staff of Saint Cloud Nursing Home in West Orange, NJ, thank you so much for taking care of "Ms. Grace" during her last days here on this earth. To all of those that were not able to be there in the physical, we even thank you for your thoughts and/or prayers for the family during this time.

Remember God sees all and knows all including our hearts. You are not forgotten.

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### Another Time & Another Place

Don't spend too much time  
in the mourning  
Tears are for the sad,  
I left to be with Jesus.  
And this should make glad.  
Don't waste your hours in grieving  
No need to feel distress,  
I'm tired of life's frustrations  
And had to get some rest.  
Don't vex yourself with questions  
Or try to reason why  
Life here for me has ended,  
It came my time to die.  
Don't lose the love I gave you,  
Feed it with your care  
Grow it with devotion  
And spread it everywhere.  
Don't fret because my leaving  
Came in such a way  
We'll have another meeting.  
In God's Eternal Day

*A Celebration for the Life of*

*Grace B. Killen*



*Sunrise*

*September 9, 1930*

*Sunset*

*April 5, 2012*

### *Funeral Service*

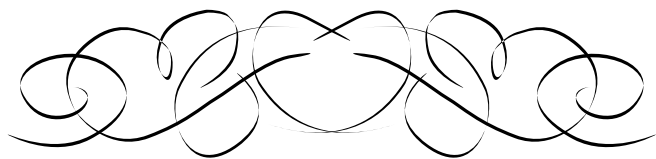
Tuesday, April 10, 2012 - 12:00 noon

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

*1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, NJ 07112*

# Order of Service

- Processional
- Opening Worship ..... Congregation
- Scripture Reading ..... Kirk Wilson
- Song of Praise ..... Congregation
- The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) ..... Pbedor Reeves
- Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25-34) ..... Pbedor Reeves
- Obituary ..... Kyle Wilson
- Remarks {not to exceed 2 minutes please}
- Acknowledgments ..... Kyle Wilson
- Eulogy ..... Pbedor Reeves
- Recessional



**Interment**  
 Heavenly Rest Memorial Park  
 268 Ridgedale Avenue  
 East Hanover, NJ 07936

# Life Reflections

*“<sup>28</sup>Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>31</sup>Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” – Proverbs 31:28, 31 NIV*

**Ms. Grace B. Killen** was born in Cape Palmas, Liberia to Rev. Martin Killen and Anna Russell Killen of St. Thomas Episcopal Church located in Monrovia, Liberia on September 9, 1930. She is the middle child out of five children. Their names are as follows (in order from oldest to youngest): Richard Killen, Mariah Killen, Grace Killen, Sarah Killen, and Samuel Killen. Grace migrated to the United States of America in 1980 where she lived until the Lord called her home on April 5, 2012 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ.

Grace Killen was sent to live in Monrovia by her parents so that she may obtain a better life at a young age. While she may have had very little formal education as a young child, Grace obtained wisdom and possessed a good heart. She met and married Amos Cooper Sr., whom was the chief electrician of Power Authority in Monrovia, Liberia (currently known as L.E.C.) Grace loved Amos with her all and the two of them loved and raised their children to the **BEST** of their knowledge, yet with **ALL** of their **LOVE**. She loved to style hair and went to school to learn the proper techniques to do hair. She loved to sew, especially for her children. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and baking. But more importantly, she loved **ALL** of her children dearly and would willingly and cheerfully give them her last.

Grace Killen was known for so many generous deeds. From making “Kool-Aid”, lollipops, and shortbread, this woman was what we would call today an entrepreneur. She worked with what she was given and made the best out of the worst. She loved to make and see others happy. As a young woman, Grace took care of her ailing mother during her last days on this earth. A woman that knew the difference between being selfless and **NOT** being selfish was whom Grace B. Killen was. In 2010, what Grace had sowed as a young woman was returned to her in great measure and double portion. She underwent open heart surgery and after ten months of rehabilitation and support and care from her family, she was able to return to her home in Newark, NJ and celebrate her 80th birthday with her family and friends. Grace became ill in the physical, but not in her spirit.

Reverenced by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren as “Ma”, Grace led a long life that is to be remembered and honored as a picture of God’s strength and how mighty the Lord truly is.

Grace Killen leaves behind here on this earth her youngest sister, Sarah Killen, whom still resides in Monrovia, Liberia; all of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren; many cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws, and of course her dear true friends.

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