

*Celebrating
the Life
of*

Sunrise
December 30, 1940

Sunset
June 12, 2012



Mary A. Gaines

“Sissie”

Service

Monday, June 18, 2012 - 12:00 noon

SEMINARY BAPTIST CHURCH

193 Haledon Avenue

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Alfred Steele, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Mary Arlene Gaines also known as “Sissie,” was born in Chesterfield, Virginia, on December 30, 1940 to the late John and Mary McCutchen. She attended schools in Upstate New York and Paterson, NJ before enrolling at Passaic Community College in the Nursing Program for one and a half years. In order to care for her disabled parents, Mary put her nursing degree on hold. Mary was a member of the Church of God and Saints Of Christ for many years and was a faithful choir member. Her beautiful voice could be heard singing in the family group “The Family Travelers,” as she enjoyed singing with her brothers and sisters. Mary was employed with great dedication at North Jersey Developmental Center where she worked for many years until she retired in 2003.

She was a very kind, humble and lovable woman. Mary’s heart was filled with love for the Lord, her family and people. The need to help others kept a smile on her face, knowing she was doing God’s work. Mary’s favorite saying “By The Help Of The Good Lord” favorite song, “When The Roll Is Call In Heaven, I Will Be There”.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Henry Gaines, Sr., step-son, Henry Gaines, Jr., sister, Betty Jean McCutchen, brother, Eugene McCutchen, brothers-in-law, John Henry Martin and James Davis.

On Tuesday morning, June 12, 2012, God almighty in his wise providence called from earth to an everlasting home, the soul of Mary Arlene Gaines. After a long illness death came quietly to her at Wayne View Nursing in Wayne, New Jersey.

Mary leaves to cherish loving memories: son, Tony McCutchen of Paterson, NJ; daughter, Vivian S. McCutchen of Paterson NJ, step-daughter, Alice Gaines of Charlotte, NC, brother, Allen McCutchen of Paterson, NJ, two sisters, Ruby Martin of Prospect Park, NJ, Gloria Davis of Paterson, NJ, daughter-in-law, Cheryl McCutchen of Paterson, NJ, two sisters-in-law Jeanette and Lois McCutchen, special friend, James “Ozzie” Clifton of Paterson, NJ, eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Although her passing was a great loss to her family and friends, they all bow in humble submission to the will of almighty God.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements
and Reflections

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort Rev. Alfred Steele

Recessional



Interment

East Ridgelawn, Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you, my love ones, oh so dear
But you see, the master called me, His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation a heaven board ticket for one,
and I knew that would call me When he felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy Because I have gone away,
But when the master called me, I knew that I couldn't stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you my loved ones, oh so dear.
But, you see the master called me and now I'm resting here.
Yes I crossed on over to glory and to you all I say
just stay in the hands of Jesus and we'll meet again someday.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Mary A. Gaines** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

Special thanks to Rev. Alfred Steele, and The Wayne View Nursing Home

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