

*Home-Going Service for*



*Costella Drusilla Coles-Foster*

*Sunrise*  
*July 29, 1916*

*Sunset*  
*November 19, 2012*

**Service**

*Monday, November 26, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**Calvary**

**Christian Methodist Episcopal Church**  
25-27 Oak Street • Jersey City, New Jersey 07304  
*Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thomas, Officiating*



## Obituary

**Costella Drusilla Coles-Foster** was born on July 29, 1916 in Bayonne, New Jersey. She was the eldest of six children born to the late Augusta E. and Christopher D. Coles Sr.

Costella was a gifted and talented young lady and was a product of the Jersey City Public School system graduating from Public School # 14 and Lincoln High School. After graduating high school she acquired her beauticians license and gained employment in various shops throughout Jersey City. She was later employed at the Military Ocean Terminal in Bayonne, New Jersey, as a clerk typist, a job that she would retire from in over after 30 years of faithful service and receiving numerous awards in the performance of her duties. Costella was also an accomplished pianist/organist and played in many churches in Jersey City and surrounding area.

Costella Coles-Foster has been a faithful member of Calvary CME Church since childhood where she was the organist/pianist and director of the choir. She also was the President of Calvary's Cecelia M. Hurt Senior Group. Costella enjoyed being with her long time friends and was the President of Ye Ole Friends Social Club. On May 23, 1953 Costella was wed to Henry M. Foster, a union that would last until his death on Aug. 16, 1973.

Always a "Freedom Fighter" Costella Coles-Foster was a Life Member of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), served as an Executive Board member and Secretary of the Jersey City Branch for almost 40 years, a position which she held in the HIGHEST regard. She made sure that all of her nephews were members of the NAACP since they were children and never stopped fighting the fight for Freedom, Justice and Equality.

Costella Coles-Foster transitioned peacefully into the next life after an extended illness at 1:39 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012, in her home in the company of her loving sister, Carmeta, nephew Calvin, caretakers Theresa Allen and Marie Williams.

Costella is preceded in death by her husband, Henry M. Foster, parents, Augusta E. and Christopher D. Coles Sr., sisters, Constance D. Coles, Audrey E. Hart, Charnette D. Coles, and nephew, Lamont L. Johnson. Left to cherish her memory are, her sister, Carmeta D. Jackson; brother, Christopher D. Coles Jr.; a step-daughter, Marion Redicks; nephews, Donald M. Johnson, Clyde J. Hart, Jr. Esq. (Lauralee), Calvin E. Hart (Linda), and Christopher D. Coles III and a niece, Ashleigh Coles; grand nephews, Lamont Jr., Kevin, and Donald C. Johnson, Hasan Smith; six grand nieces, Audrea and Calmia Hart, Ayana, Khailiah and Dejah Seawright, Natala Yorker; and numerous of great nieces and nephews; as well as a host of cousins, other loving relatives and friends, who will miss her so very much.

## *Order of Service*

### *Musical Prelude*

*Processional* ..... *Clergy, Officers and Family*

*Hymn of Consolation* ..... *Calvary Combined Voices*

*Invocation* ..... *Phillip G. Webb*

*Scripture Readings* ..... *Lamont Lee Johnson Jr.*  
*Great Nephew*

*Old Testament-Isaiah 6:8*

*New Testament-2 Timothy 4: 6-8*

*Prayer of Comfort* ..... *Rev. Elizabeth Crook*

*Musical Selection* ..... *Calvary Combined Voices*

### *Acknowledgements/Resolutions*

*Reflections* ..... *Mr. Charles Cook, Friend*  
*Calvin E. Hart, Nephew*

*Musical Selection* ..... *Calvary Combined Voices*

*Obituary* ..... *Calmia M. Hart, Great Niece*

*Eulogy* ..... *Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thomas*

*Final Viewing* ..... *Watson Mortuary Service*

*Benediction* ..... *Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thomas*

*Recessional* ..... *Clergy, Officers and Family*

*Family and friends are invited to  
join the family in the lower auditorium  
of the Church for the repast following the interment.*

### **Interment**

Bayview Cemetery  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07305  
Monday, November 26, 2012



## *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But you see, The Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation.  
A heaven bound ticket for one  
And I knew that he 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 know that I could not 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've crossed over to Glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday*

*Author Unknown*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family 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!*

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