

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of a smiling woman with short dark hair, wearing a blue and white patterned top. The background is a soft, pink and purple gradient.

Rachel Elizabeth Haynes

Sunrise
May 3, 1923

Sunset
December 28, 2012

Service

Friday, January 4, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

GREATER ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
2365 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Obituary

Rachel Elizabeth Haynes was born on May 3, 1923 to the late Mr. and Mrs. Boykin and Mary Hunter in Minter, Alabama. She attended Street Emanuel Training School, in Richmond, Alabama where she earned her high school diploma.

In 1946, Rachel migrated from the south to New York City where she met the love of her life, Mr. Leon Haynes, Sr. of Charleston, S.C. They married in 1949. She had three sons, the late George L. Hunter, Leon Haynes, Jr. and the late Nathaniel Haynes.

For thirty years, Rachel worked as a seamstress for the Berkley Belt Company. She was blessed to enjoy over twenty-five years of retired life. Rachel was an active member of the Isabella Baptist Church for many years. Later she left to join another community church.

Rachel was a very nurturing, caring, and loving individual. She loved her family unconditionally. Whenever one of her grandchildren became ill, they were sent over to grandma's house where they received soothing home remedies and home cooking. She took great pride and care when nursing any of her sick loved ones. Rachel was very outspoken. She loved to talk with her family and friends, sharing her wealth of knowledge and life experiences. She would always share stories and memories of her hometown in the south. Her son, Leon loved talking to his mother, he said she was not only his mother, but also his best friend. He could talk to her about anything. She had a great sense of humor, s he could sit, laugh and talk for hours. Some of her favorite pass times included watching T.V. shows late at night and cooking delicious family meals.

Rachel is preceded in death by her husband, Leon Haynes, Sr., her sons, George L. Hunter and Nathaniel Haynes, and her brothers, George Hunter and Leroy Hunter.

She leaves to cherish her love and memories: her devoted son, Leon Haynes Jr.; daughters-in-law, Donna Marhold and Bernedette Taylor; eight granddaughters, Eureka Haynes-Brown, Monique Haynes, Tema Thomas, Rachel Haynes, Natasha Haynes, Leekirdrah Haynes, Shavonna Cotto and Nattise Haynes; five great-grandchildren, Luther Smith, Rashad Jenkins, Errol Wilson, Jr., Damion Nolan, and Iyana Brown; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Smashum; and a dedicated family friend, Mel Simmons; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Rachel will be greatly missed.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery
Kenilworth, New Jersey

God Called Your Name So Softly

*God called your name so softly,
that only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

*You're always close beside us, in everything we do,
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.*

*We will always remember that way you looked,
the way you talked and smiled,
The little things you said and did
to make our lives worthwhile.*

*Each time we look at your picture,
you seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take
and love each other for my sake.*

*Just a prayer from the family to you,
just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will stay forever
because we thought the world of you.*

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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