

# *Come To Me*

*God saw you getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.*

*So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched  
you, And saw you pass away.*

*Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove  
to us, He only takes the best.*

### *Acknowledgements*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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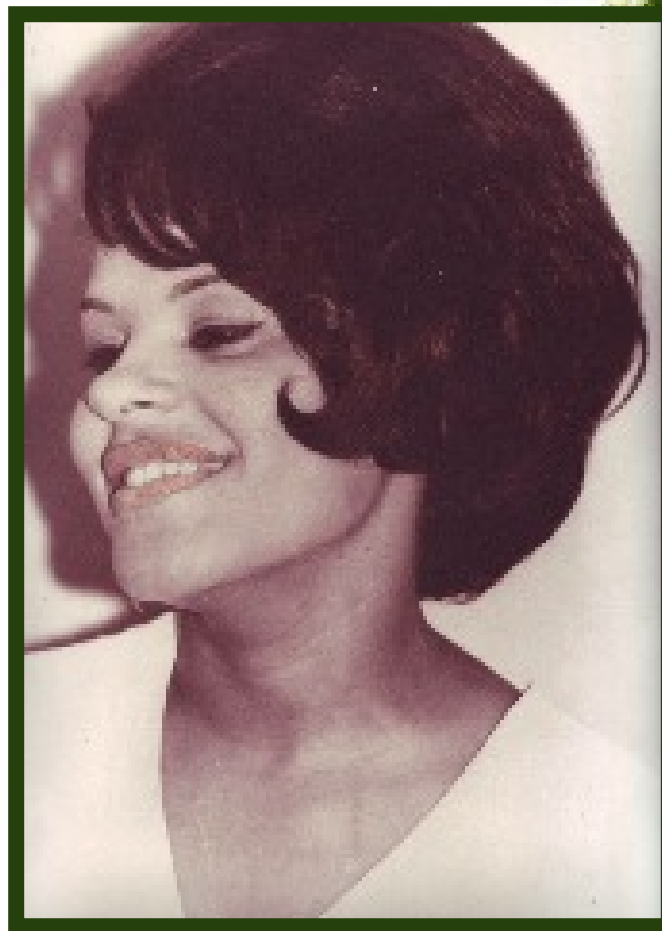
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## *In Loving Memory of* ***Betty Turpin***

*December 9, 1935 - February 12, 2013*



### *Service*

Saturday, February 16, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

### **Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey

# Order of Service

- Prelude..... (Organist)
- Prayer of Comfort..... Min. James Addison
- Solo..... "I Won't Complain"
- Scripture Readings.....Laurie Ann Strange  
Old Testament - Psalm 23  
Proverbs 31:10-31  
New Testament - ST. John 14:1-4
- Solo ..... "May The Work That I've Done Speak For Me"
- The Holy Qur'an.....Mustafa Al-Mutazzim
- Solo
- Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Laurie Ann Strange
- Remarks (Limit 2 minutes please)
- Reading of Obituary..... Laurie Ann Strange
- Words of Comfort (Our Family).....Laurie Ann Strange
- Eulogy.....Min. James Addison
- Final Viewing
- Solo ..... "I'll Fly Away"
- Benediction.....Min Vincent L. Thomas
- Recessional

*Immediately following the service friends are invited to join  
the family for a repast at  
299 Halsted Street • East Orange, NJ*

# Obituary

**Betty Mae Turpin** was the eldest child born to the late Mary (White) and William Neely of Jersey City, New Jersey. Betty was born on December 9, 1935 in Newark, New Jersey. She was the loving sister of Dorothy James (Clifford) and Edna Kates. Betty made her transition on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at Beth Israel hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

"Ms. T" as she was affectionately called by her friends was "classy, strong willed and witty." She was soft spoken, but out spoken. She was sweet, but sassy. Betty said what she meant and meant what she said. "She was a class act." Betty as she was affectionately known by her family was the matriarch of her family.

Betty was educated in the Jersey City Public School System. Betty was a diligent worker. She was a Computer Operator for Royal & Sun Alliance and retired after 28 years.

Betty was the loving mother of Paul, Jr., William (Wali) and Sharon (Sameerah) Godwin. Three step-children Elmer (Skip) Turpin, Jr., Kathleen Turpin Merritt, and Ronald Royal. She was grandmother to Lamar, Nasir, Kareemah, Olesha, Halima, Elmer III, Martha, Ashton, and Kendall. She was grandmother to 11 great grandchildren. "Words will never express her unconditional love for her children and grandchildren."

Betty was married to Elmer "Turp" Turpin, Sr in 1973. Betty and Turp shared a special bond as members of the Newark Knights Motorcycle Club of Newark, New Jersey. Betty was the secretary and treasurer for many years of the organization. Betty was a member of the Newark Knights and the Greater Harvest Bowling leagues.

Betty was a sports fanatic. Her favorite NFL football team was the Dallas Cowboys. Her favorite NBA basketball team was the Los Angeles Lakers. "If it was Sunday, Don't Call Betty, she would call you."

Preceding her in her transition: Her parents, Mary (White) and William Neely. Husband Elmer "Turp" Turpin, Sr. Sister Gloria Elizabeth Neely and Loving pet Red.

Betty leaves cherished memories for a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends Betty was a mentor and special friend to Elaine (Cookie) Stanley.

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