

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.*

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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In Loving Memory of

Selema Hoque-Singh

Sunrise
September 21, 1935

Sunset
April 28, 2013



Memorial Service

Thursday, May 9, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Selema Hoque-Singh was born on September 21, 1935 in New York to late Shamsul and Pearsie Florence Nelson-Hoque. She was the eldest girl of eleven children. She was also affectionately known as Sissy. She took over raising her siblings at a young age after the passing of her mother.

Selema was educated the New York City Public School System. She attended Wadleigh High School, NYC, NY. After High School, she started to work at several jobs. Sissy worked retail for decades. She was employed at some of the high end stores such as Lord and Taylor, and Bloomingdales. In addition, she held a Private investigator license and Hack license. This allowed her to venture out start her own Car Service Company. Sissy was an industrious worker. Also, she worked at Lincoln Center as a cashier and sales representative. Plus, Sissy was employed at the New York City Police Department as crossing guard and auxiliary officer. Later on in life, Selema was employed as a cleaner for the Mass Transit Authority for over fifteen years where she later retired.

Selema had a passion for traveling. She had traveled halfway around the globe. Some of the countries were Europe, Canada, the Caribbean Islands and India and at least twenty states. Sissy was very charitable, she donated to various children organizations and animal shelters. She had a profound love for bowling and horse back riding. She loved to play Bingo as they say "Bingo was her Name Oh" Family member referred to her as BINGO. It was very hard to separate her from this game when a family emergency would arise. She was a shopaholic and a hoarder.

Selema love to dictate. Many referred to Sissy as a tyrant. She was a survivor. She cared for others immensely. When she was born, she maintained a congenital heart disease. Sissy was not supposed to survive nor have children. The doctors predicted that she would live a short life span. However, she overcame the odds.

Selema leaves to mourn: two children, Falecia Banks-McLaurin, Terrance McClain. Six Siblings: Anisul Hoque, Shahanur Hoque, Yasin Haque, George Manuel (Bobby) Hoque, and Elaine Hoque. Six Grandchildren: Kevin White, Kenyon McClain, Crystal McClain, Catherine Banks, and James Banks. One great grandchild, Kayla Dean Marshall. Also, she is survived by other nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Selema is preceded in death by five children, Valerie Banks, James McClain, Montez and Manuel.

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Obituary Christiana F. Davis

Acknowledgements

Remarks Family and Friends

Musical Selection

Eulogy Pastor James Miller
Second Emmanuel Baptist Church

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York