

Remembering the Life of



Lillian Ruth (Swann) Wheeler Brown
"Ruthie"

May 21, 1928 - November 15, 2013

Service

Friday, November 22, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME, INC

257 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Paterson, New Jersey



Reflections of Life

Lillian Ruth Swann was born May 21, 1928 at the Barnet Memorial Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. She was the fifth child born to Reverend McKinley A. and Sadie (Allen) Swann.

Having earned diplomas from Public School No. 6 and Eastside High School Paterson, Ruth was prepared to find gainful employment within North Jersey's textile industries. She was also employed as an interior decorator. Her job was to make homes comfortable.

Ruth loved life; her laughter was warm and contagious. She was a wish maker for others- her family and friends. She had a big heart for children. She enjoyed creating seasonal spectacles in her home.

She loved Christmas, and that is when she truly expressed herself. Ruth would begin making plans as early as August for Christmas. She would order chocolate candies and cookies, and particular cheeses, anything she needed to enhance the Christmas holiday. One year she purchased a hobby horse. Every child in the family was photographed riding this horse. Ruth bought a train set with tracks encircling a city. Children took turns playing the trains conductor. Everyone knew the holidays began when Ruth had her evening celebrations. We always sang carols and invited people regardless of nationality, fellow employees- everyone came.

She enjoyed her doll collection and she would display them. Her living-room was a fairyland.

Let's say something about Ruthie's relationship with food. Food was evident in every activity. She traveled for it. She visited for it. She sent away for it and she ate it. She knew and enjoyed good food. An epicurean? Well, Ruth sought out fine food. So we would remember her for her warm Christmases and her fabulous taste for good food.

She loved to travel and food was part of the deal. Her love of family became her passport for children. She brought Arthur's cousins along for the trips with her to New York City, San Francisco, Hawaii the Islands and Canada. Ruth fulfilled her bucket list. She rode shotgun in a Cessna. She flew in a helicopter. She enjoyed cruises. She also had a lead foot when she drove.

Ruthie was "mother" to many however she was Arthur's mother and Arthur shared his mom with others. She was a loving mother with a twinkle in her eye. On one occasion when Arthur asked for grapes, she responded by asking if he wanted her to peel them also.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Reverend McKinley and Mrs. Sadie Swann, three brothers, Robert Edward, Arthur Everett, Joseph Louis; four sisters, Louise Artis, Sarah Carter, Faith Acree and Mildred Hinton.

Ruth leaves to cherish precious memories all who care about the happiness of others. She is survived by her son, Arthur Charles Wheeler of Paterson; two sisters, Miriam S. Threet of Paterson and Carolyn Slappy of Harrisburg, PA; one sister-in-law, Mary L. Swann of West Milford, NJ; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 34:1-5Family Member

New Testament - Galatians 5:23,24

2 Timothy 4:6-7Linda Harrington

Prayer

Solo

Expressions of Sympathy and Comfort

Scripture

Acknowledgements

and Reflections of Life April Jackson

Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”

The Message Pastor John A. Algera

Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church • Paterson, NJ

Closing Prayer

Entombment

Woodbridge Memorial Gardens

Woodbridge, New Jersey

Repast

The family will be receiving friends at the

Bon Fire Restaurant

999 Market Street • Paterson, NJ

at 3pm at each persons expense.

Free At Last

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

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kindness extended to them during this the
family bereavement hour. God bless you for all
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