

*In
Loving
Memory
of*

Hattie Blanchard

June 16, 1943 - March 13, 2014

Saturday, March 22, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF BLESSED SACRAMENT/OUR LADY OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD
716 Bellevue Avenue • Trenton, New Jersey 08618

Obituary

Hattie Blanchard, daughter of David and Daisy Strother was born on June 16, 1943 at the Women's Hospital in NYC, NY. She grew up in Harlem and was the eldest of three siblings, Rosalie Mitchell, Carolyn Hicks and Deborah Lovelace (deceased). She was affectionately known as "Wendy" back then. An avid ice-skater and bowler she LOVED dancing, telling jokes, having a good time and meeting new people.

She attended St. Mark's Evangelist Elementary School. Attended and graduated from St. Patrick Cathedral High School. She received her B.S. degree from Herbert H. Lehman College. Hattie continued her education on the graduate level by attending Sarah Lawrence College where she received her Master's Degree in Health Advocacy. She also obtained her Certified Assisted Living Administrator certification.

Hattie married Andrew Brinton in 1964. From that union one son, Derrick Anthony Brinton was born. She moved to New Jersey and married George E. Blanchard in 1985.

During her career she was a Phlebotomist and North Central Bronx Hospital. She developed Patient Advocate departments at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, PA and Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton, NJ. She later became the Director of Patient Relations at Helene Fuld Medical Center and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. She was the Executive Director of Mercer County's Office of Aging until she retired in 2005.

She joined Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd in 1998, where she was very active in various ministries and programs. She served as secretary of Central Jersey Network of Black Women (CJNBW). Hattie served on the Health Advisory Committee in East Windsor, NJ.

Hattie passionately pursued her favorite past time....TRAVELING. George and Hattie traveled extensively visiting several countries, continents and locales; Southern Ireland, Hong Kong, China, South Korea, most of the Caribbean, Hawaii and the Continental U.S were some of their destinations. Those travel experiences led her to her second career as a travel agent at Travel, Ports and Voyages specializing in cruises.

Hattie loved rollercoasters, para-sailing, cruises, Calypso music, coconut cake and her family. Despite her battles with adult onset asthma she lived life to the fullest. She never slowed down, she would pause, get her breathing under control and then keep on rolling.

She leaves behind her husband of twenty-eight years George E; two sisters, Rosalie Mitchell and Carolyn Hicks; son and daughter-in-law, Derrick and Mara; three grandsons, Brandon Bryson, Derrick II and Daniel; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Hattie was a loving person who would always help when needed. She had a smile that would light up a room and warm any heart. She was a cancer survivor, fiercely independent and a cornerstone for many, many people. She will truly be missed more than words can convey.

Funeral Mass

Celebrant: Rev. Guilherme Andrino, SVD

INTRODUCTORY RITES: RECEPTION OF THE BODY

Entrance Procession/Prelude

Placing of the Pall

Placing of the Christian Symbols

Blessing of the Body

Opening Prayer: Rev. Guilherme Andrino, SVD

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Edy Battle

23rd Psalm Edy Battle

New Testament - Romans 6:3-4,8-9 Yakima Scott

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12A

Homily: Priest

Prayer of the Faithful/the General Intercession

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts & Altar Derrick Brinton II & Daniel Brinton

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer: Priest

Acknowledgements/Obituary Derrick Brinton/Sharon Stewart

Words of Remembrance Sharon Stewart

Prayer of Commendation Rev. Guilherme Andrino, SVD

Interment Forest Green Cemetery • Morganville, NJ

Repast back at the church

Pall Bearers

Brandon Bryson Melvin Hicks
John Mitchell David Haynie
Bryan Rivers

To My Loved Ones

No reason for sorrow, no reason to cry. Look toward tomorrow and I'll tell you why my memories of you and yours of me are filled with love and laughter forever. You'll see no reason to worry, nor question God as to why you have lost me. No reason to say goodbye. It's time for my journey home, a beautiful and peaceful trip that I must make alone. So just be strong and keep a smile, we'll only be apart for a little while. The love I've known is a very special part, the love I've shown came straight from the heart. I leave you now to go on my way to a wonderful place where we'll be together someday. No reason at all as you can see. I'm with my Lord. He'll take care of me.

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love shown to them during their time of sorrow.

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