

*Celebration for the Life of*



*Carolyn Garner-DeGroat*

*December 25, 1946 – August 23, 2014*

Saturday, August 30, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

143 Myrtle Avenue

Passaic, New Jersey

**Rev. Ron Blankley, Officiating**

## *Reflections of Life*

**Carolyn Garner-DeGroat** was welcomed into eternity by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, August 23, 2014 from Passaic, NJ. Her late parents, Kenneth and Mattie (Powell) Garner was blessed with her arrival as their first born on December 25, 1946 in Hackensack, NJ. It was there that Carolyn entered the Hackensack School System.

Carolyn was joined in Holy Matrimony to Ralph F. DeGroat, Jr. on July 6, 1973 by the late Harry D. Cappetta. It was at this time they pledged undying love to each other. They were inseparable. She was formerly married to the late Steven T. Hansford, Sr., her first born the late Steven T. Hansford, Jr. (Stevie) was born of this union. She was predeceased by her son, Stevie on March 27, 2013. She was devastated and heart broken by the death of her child. She yet found faith in God which sustained and empowered her to persevere as her health continued to decline.

God in His awesome grace blessed Ralph and Carolyn with their loving son, Kevin of Passaic, NJ who continued to support and provide care for his parents which brought her great joy.

Carolyn was predeceased by her brother, Ronald Clark.

She leaves to mourn: her loving husband, Ralph F. DeGroat, Jr.; son, Kevin Hansford of Passaic, NJ; her brothers, Glen Clark, Dwight Powell, Michael Garner and Guy (Deine) Garner; a sister, Judith Jones; sister-in-law, Cheryl DeGroat Payne; four grandchildren, Steven T. Hansford III, Marcus Hansford, Kendra Hansford and Anaya Hansford; one great grandchild, Steven Hansford, IV. She also had a host of nieces and nephews and a beloved friend, Margaret Johnson.

# *Order of Service*

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Reflections of Life

Eulogy

Rev. Ron Blankley

Recessional

## **Interment**

St. Peter Cemetery  
Garfield, New Jersey

# *I'm Free*

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!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of the late **Carolyn Garner-DeGroat** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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