

Rev. Durrelle McPherson, Officiating Myron Smith, Organist

<u>Obiluary</u>

Gladys Ardela Cowart was born on August 23, 1936 to the late Benjamin and Ella Cole. Gladys was born in South Hill, VA. She had five brothers, Charlie, Danny, Fred, Wilbur, and Willie. She also had two sisters, Fidel (Mary) and Marion. She was predeceased by Charlie, Mary and Marion. Gladys left South Hill, VA at the age of four and made her home Newark, NJ. She attended Abington Avenue School and Barringer High School.

Gladys then met the late Ronnie Cowart and married him in 1957. From this marriage six children were conceived: Melody, Faith, Vincent, a set of twins, Hope, Ceasar, and India. Mom was a devoted wife until dad passed away March of 2013, but remained devoted to her children and grandchildren. She was known as "Pooh-Pooh" by her grandchildren. There was nothing she wouldn't do for them or us.

Our mother was the most supportive, generous, caring, and loving woman. She never looked down her nose on anyone, if she could help she would. On 19<sup>th</sup> Street, she was known as "Mother Cowart" but best known for her grey station wagon. Mom kept the cleanest house and was known for her cooking. Her sense of humor was great but you needed one raising us.

Our family would like all of you to know that our mother left here in peace. She left with the ones she loved the most at her side. Although we wanted her a bit longer, God wanted her most. For all that she's done, she deserves to rest. Even though we know she will find something to clean, my dad to take care of, and subliminally telling us what to put in our food.

She leaves to mourn: three daughters, Melody, Faith and India; one son, Vincent; a step daughter, Joan; two granddaughters, Asia and Chyna; a grandson, Rayshawn; three brothers, Wilbur, Danny and Fred; her nieces, Debra, Denise, Leslie, Cheryl, Willa, Dorothy, and Donna; her nephew, Jamal Wilbur, Jr.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Rest In Peace Mom We Love You!

# Irder of Service

Processional	
Hymn of Comfort	"Blessed Assurance"
Prayer of Comfort	
Musical Selection	"I'd Rather"Asia Moore
Remarks (Two Minutes Please	)Family and Friends
Acknowledgments and Obitua	ryMelody Cowart
Solo	"Wind Beneath My Wings"Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy	Rev. Durrelle McPherson St. Paul Baptist Church • Montclair, New Jersey
Recessional	

### **Interment**

Hollywood Memorial Park Union, New Jersey

#### Repast

Following the Interment family and friends are invited for a repast at
Newark Knights Motorcycle Club
671 Springfield Avenue
Newark, New Jersey



I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay, You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way, When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest," Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be. I thank God because He came for me.

-Author unknown

## Acknowledgement

The family of **Gladys Ardela Cowart** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

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