

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Lillie Bell Alston

Sunrise

December 15, 1935

Sunset

January 24, 2015

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - 10:00 A.M.

Phillips Metropolitan CME Church

27 Morris Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

Rev. Marshall J. Jenifer, Officiating

Obituary

Lillie Bell Alston was born on December 15, 1935, in Saluda, SC to the late David and Malvina (Caldwell) Abney. She peacefully transitioned from earth to heaven on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, NJ.

In her early years, Lillie attended the Pine Pleasant CME Church in Saluda, SC with her family. She attended the Saluda public school system and graduated from Riverside High School.

In the late 1950's, Lillie left the South and moved to New Jersey seeking more opportunities for advancement. It was here in 1963 she met and married the love of her life, the late George C. Alston (Sr.).

Lillie was employed by Temco Industries in Newark, NJ where she retired after 35 years of service. She also provided elderly care services on a part time basis.

Lillie loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking for her family and friends. She was "Queen of the Fish Fry" and her potato salad was second to none. She loved to bake as well, and was known for her famous "Apricot Nectar and Lemon Cakes". Her hobbies included fishing, sewing and gardening. Some folks even said she had a green thumb because her plants were so healthy and beautiful. But her passion was shopping..... whether it was to stock her kitchen pantry or to add to her extensive collection of hats, shoes, scarves and handbags. But always with a "Bling"!!!

Another favorite pastime of Lillie's was traveling and taking day trips to Atlantic City. She always came back with many humorous stories to share with her family and friends.

Lillie was a long time member of Phillips Metropolitan CME Church, and a faithful part of the laity and served with the JGB Willing Workers.

She will be remembered for being "straight and to the point", "telling it like it is" and being a sharp dresser with the perfect accessories. But beyond that, we will never forget the way she made everyone feel special. Lillie had a generous heart. She had a way about her that made you feel loved and welcomed and was always GIVING. You seldom left her presence empty-handed.

Preceding her in death is one brother, John D. Abney and one sister, Lula Mae Foulks.

Those left to cherish her memory are her three children: Lillie R. Gatling (Archie) of Snellville, GA, Deborah Law of Hillside, NJ and George Alston, Jr. (Yashema) of Hillside, NJ. One sister, Willie Mae Hair of Saluda, SC, Two sisters-in-law, Mildred Beatrice Buffaloe of Garysburg, NC and Rutha Mae Crump (Hugo "Earl") of Jackson, NC. Three grandchildren, Jason Smith, Niyah Law and Nadir Alston. A special niece and nephew, Antonio and Mariah Cruz and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude.....	Musician
Final Viewing.....	Clergy \ Family
Opening Hymn.....	"Blessed Assurance"
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Lemuel Dillahunt
Old Testament Reading	Rev. Delores Brute
New Testament Reading.....	Pastor Clarence L. Smith
Music Ministry.....	Choir
Acknowledgements & Condolences.....	Clerk
Solo.....	Rev. Joseph Farley
Reflections	
Obituary.....	Rev. Teresa M. Hicks
Selection	Choir
Eulogy	Rev. Marshall J. Jenifer
Benediction	
Recessional	Clergy \ Family

INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

An Angel



An Angel lived among us
A gift from God above.
She showered us with kindness
And shared with us her love.

She cherished every moment
With the man who was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.

She loved her children dearly,
Each one a different way,
Nestled close within her heart.
Though, now, she's far away.

She's gone to live with Jesus.
But, she's here with us, today,
Smiling down on every one of us,
And telling us she's O.K..

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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