

*Homegoing Service For*  
*Mary Lee Celestino*

*Sunrise*  
*March 16, 1943*

*Sunset*  
*January 26, 2015*



**Service**

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - 11:30 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Pastor Margie Kendley, Officiating*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Mary Lee Celestino**, was the daughter of the late Dorothy and James McClain. Born in Raleigh, North Carolina on March 16, 1943, she departed this life on Monday, January 26, 2015 at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Mary Lee was the strongest woman you ever wanted to know with the biggest heart. Whatever she had, you had. She was often referred to as my “second mom” by so many of her children’s friends. Everyone she came into contact with never saw her as a friend, but more of a confidant. Someone you can talk to when you need that sound advice. To hear that “No baby, you need to think about that before you do anything,” always seemed to be the right thing you needed to hear. Even her cousins referred to her as their aunt because she was so wise.

Mary Lee will always be most remembered by her daughters and nieces as the best damn beautician in the world. She straightened and curled your hair so well, it lasted for weeks. Who needed a relaxer.

Mary Lee was always a fighter, and she fought a really good fight to the end. She didn’t complain, and refused to give up. She never stopped saying how much she loved you, and you felt her love way down in your soul. We will hold on to that love she gave us so tightly, until we see her again. She’s now partying in heaven with her father, mother, son (Skeet), sister (Dorothy), brother (James), brother-in-law (Walter) and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins that left before her. Believe me, no one can have a good time like the McClain clan can.

We are so proud of your strength, courage, compassion and beauty. We are going to miss you so very much. We will miss our mother, grandmother and aunt so very much. We love you Mom, Grandma and Auntie.

Mary Lee leaves behind to cherish her memories: her daughters, Rhonda and Darlene; son-in-law, Karim; grandchildren, Jermaine, Jessica, Elliott and Kamilah; great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Rieyn, Aaron and Ethan; step-daughters, Sharon, Edwiena and Rasheem; nieces and nephew, Barbara Ann, James, Cynthia, Sheila and Shana; sister-in-law, Kathryn Green; and a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**A Special Prayer**

*Karim Muhammad*

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

*Interment*

Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

***Repat:***

*137 West 120<sup>th</sup> Street & Morningside Avenue (Downstairs)*

## PSALM 121

God the Help of Those Who Seek Him  
A Song of Ascents  
I will lift up my eyes to the hills-  
From whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
Who made heaven and earth.

He will not allow your foot to be moved;  
Hew who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold. He who keeps Israel  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;  
The LORD is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
He shall preserve your soul.

The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth, and even forevermore.

### *There's a Special Angel in Heaven*

There's a special angel in Heaven that is a part of me. It is not where I wanted her to be. She was here but just for a moment like a night time shooting star, and though she is in Heaven she isn't very far.

She touched the hearts of many like only an angel can do. Would've held her every minute if the end I only knew.

So send this special message to Heaven up above. Please take care of my angel God and send her all my love.

Jessica

### *Acknowledgement*

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown them during this time of bereavement. May God bless each and every one of you.

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