Celebration of Life for



Sunrise January 16, 1924 **Sunset** June 28, 2016

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME 256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey Rev. Joseph Calhoun, Officiating

<u>Reflections of Life</u>

**Mary** (**Branch**) **Griffin** was born January 16, 1924 in Paterson, NJ to Samuel Branch and Patty Underwood, and was a lifelong resident.

She resided on Presidential Blvd. and at Maple Glen in Fair Lawn for the last six years.

She was educated at Passaic County Technical and Vocational School. She was a member of Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church of Paterson.

She was a retired Elevator Operator for the Passaic County Courthouse. She also was employed by the Paterson Housing Authority at City Hall, and the Shiloh Baptist Church Day Care Center as a Teacher's Aide.

Along with her husband, she was active in many organizations in Paterson. She enjoyed music and family gatherings, especially decorating and preparing for them.

Whenever she was asked how things are, she would say, "I'm holding on by the Grace of God."

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Griffin; her parents, Samuel and Patty Underwood; a brother, Samuel Branch III; a niece, Alma Mills.

She leaves to cherish precious memories; a sister, Emma Branch of Brooklyn, NY; a great niece, Joanne Crawley; a great-great niece, Anita Mills both of Paterson, NJ, who remained by her side through her journey; a great niece, Ginger Thomas of Philadelphia, PA; a niece, Helen Boyd of East Orange, NJ; and five generations of great nieces and nephews, and a host of family and friends.

She will truly be missed by those who loved her.

## Remembering Aunt Mary Back in the Day





<u>Order of Servíce</u>

Prelude

Processional

Selection Ginger Thomas

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection Ginger Thomas

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life Chenere Mills

> Remarks William Crawley

> > Selection

Words of Comfort *Rev. Joseph Calhoun* 

Recessional

## **Interment**

Cedar Lawn Cemetery Paterson, 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 **Mary Griffin** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this time of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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