

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Mrs. Sara A. Hill

Sunrise: August 26, 1930

Sunset: February 7, 2017

Obituary

After a short illness, **Sara R. Hill** was suddenly called from labor to her eternal rest on Tuesday, February 7th 2017 at 5:50am.

Sara was born in Baltimore, MD., on August 26, 1930 to Earl and Gertrude Robinson. She was three days old when her parents relocated to Brooklyn, NY.

As a child Sara attended P.S. 93, Eastern District, and graduated from Girls High School.

At the age of 14 Sara met the love of her life, William Douglas Hill. From the start they knew were destined to be together forever. Knowing this the soulmates eloped on September 2nd, 1947. From this union they were blessed with four children. She is survived by her oldest daughter, Brenda, and her youngest son, Lance. Her daughter Denise, and son, William (Dougie) Jr., preceded her in death.

On January 10th, 1948 Sara and William moved into 644 Park Avenue, the first building opened in Marcy Houses. On March 18th, 1948 Sara gave birth to her first born child and the first child born in the Marcy Housing Development, Brenda. They continued to live their lives as part of the Marcy community til this day.

Sara accepted Christ at a very young age, and was a member of Greater Mount Pleasant in Brooklyn, NY. She later became a devoted member of The Church of the Open Door for over 25 years. Sara loved her church family and loved her pastor, Rev. Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor. As a faithful member and servant of the Lord, her time was spent volunteering with the AIDS ministry within her church. She also volunteered as a part of the Silver Singers Choir, Social Action Committee, Women's League and Membership Committee. She was also a part of Princess Me, an annual educational, positive and self-awareness program for young women. Sara yearly included the young women of Marcy Houses.

She was well known in the community for her willingness to give her time, money, and advice to a worthwhile cause. Sara lived her life with pride and dignity. She spoke up for her neighborhood. She didn't allow any to speak negatively about Marcy.

Sara worked for King County Hospital for 25 years as an Elevator Operator, so it was safe to say she was used to dealing with people's ups and downs. She was also the Chief Shop Steward for DC 37 Local 420. Sara retired in 1988. After retirement she remained active in her community fighting for civil rights as member of the National Action Network with Al Sharpton. She openly supported Robert Carnegie, Eric Adams, and Karen Cherry. As a young adult, she participated in a march with Malcolm X to get young Black men jobs to aid in the building of Downstate and Woodhull Hospital. She also helped to change the face of Pfizer employees from predominately German and Phillipian, to the hiring of African and Hispanic workers. She believed in supporting anyone who was dedicated to helping the community. She participated in the political process by organizing the voting polls in the Marcy Houses. She worked at the polling location for years, making sure people knew of their right to vote, and exercised that right.

Sara was the Matriarch of her family. Her wisdom, and her praying hands were always there working to keep her family together. Always having a shoulder to lean on, and great advice to give, she believed through Christ all things are possible.

A loving wife and mother, she was also a loving grandmother, great grandmother, even a great great grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her brother loving Earl Robinson, granddaughters, Kimberly and Monique, as well as her grandson, Keith.

She is rejoiced by her loving husband, William, her devoted daughter, Brenda (Barrymore) and caring son, Lance (Sarah), as well as her grandchildren, Dwight (Angie), Charrisse, Sharrod, John (Sparkle), Tyeneisha (Zorlester), Shameeka, Samantha, and Lance. She also had twenty five great grandchildren and well as her nine great great grandchildren, as well as her loving Brother-in-law, Willie Hill and Sister-in-law, Crystal.

She is also rejoiced by her God children, Valerie, Janice, and Tamika. She leaves behind three special family caregivers, David "Manzy" Cole, Tyler Hannah, and Felida Smith, and four special friends, Iris Graves, Joyce McDonald, Eva Snyder, and Christine Caraway.

Sara Hill, (aka Grandma, Mamma, Grams, Mama Do,) will truly be missed for her wisdom, encouragement, and her sheer dedication to helping others. She helped EVERYONE with positive thought and kindness, which is truly what she was; a thoughtful and kind person.

Sara, we will always cherish the memories, your contributions, and love for this world.

Lovingly submitted by the family of Sara R. Hill.

Service

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

201 Gold Street • Brooklyn, New York
Rev. Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude

Procession

Prayer of ComfortRev. Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor

Hymn“We Will Understand It Better By and By”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament.....John 14:1-4

Acknowledgment and Condolences.....Evette Lewis

Musical Selection.....Bishop William R. Whitaker II

Remarks.....Iris Graves
Anthony Branch
Dr. Wilbert Williams, Jr.
John McWhirter

Musical Selection.....Deacon Brickhouse

Obituary.....Janice Garrett

Musical Selection.....Bishop William R. Whitaker II

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Mark V. C. Taylor

Recessional

Final Viewing

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery • Calverton, New York

Asleep

*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

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