



*In Loving Memory of*

*Arabella  
Jenkins*

**Sunrise**

*April 13, 1919*

**Sunset**

*June 3, 2010*

Thursday, June 10, 2010  
11:00 a.m.

*Cotton Funeral Service*

1025 Bergen Street  
Newark, New Jersey

## *To Granny:*

*We believe that one of God's greatest gifts to mankind is a mother*

*And Granny, you were without a doubt like no other*

*Webster may say that as a mother, you were "a female  
parent or woman in authority"*

*But in our book, you were bold, caring, forgiving, humorous, loving  
and all these attributes were a priority*

*We know you're in a spot in heaven where you can watch over us*

*Telling God, "There are a few I have to keep an eye on, it's a must"*

*We also know that you're still there by our side as we grow and progress*

*We will continue to make you proud as we do nothing less than our best*

*You left us wonderful mothers who have guided us thus far*

*Looks like they learned from the best because that is what you are*

*So many smiles that you have put on each face*

*Now there are tears that have taken their place*

*Tears of sadness mixed with tears of glee  
because we know that you have finally been set free*

*To a place where one day we will see*

*Each other again so save some seats for the family*

*Since we will see you again there's no need to say goodbye*

*Just wait and see, we will learn how to fly*

*You'll be waiting for your loved ones at the gates with conch salad in hand*

*See you later Sugar, meet you at the Promised Land*

*Written by Nichelle Singley  
Love You Always,  
Your Grandchildren,*

## *Reflections of Life*

**Arabella Jenkins** was born April 13, 1919 in Miami, Florida. She was the daughter of the late James A. Smith, Sr. and the late Miriam Minnis Smith. She was the seventh of eleven children. Arabella was educated in the Miami school system.

At the age of eighteen she left Miami and relocated to the New York/New Jersey area where she met Israel Jenkins and on March 31, 1948 the two were married. From this union a son was born. Three and a half years later she and her now deceased husband opened their hearts and doors to Arabella's deceased sister's five month old daughter.

Arabella was a laundry service employee until retirement in the 1980's.

Arabella loved reading the newspaper and keeping up with current events. She also enjoyed listening to gospel music and cooking. Her Bahamian roots allowed her to prepare various island dishes for her family's enjoyment.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Israel Jenkins, her parents, James and Miriam Smith, sisters, Rebecca

Wallace, Estelle Barr, Delia Sawyer, Mildred Johnson, Florence Downs and Helen Barr and Blanche Roberts, brothers, James Smith, Charles Smith and Bruce Smith and grandson, Dawayne Dugger.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a son, Calvin E. Jenkins of Garner, NC; one daughter-in-law, Ida B. Jenkins; a daughter, Gene B. Singley (Willie) of Willingboro, NJ; a devoted god daughter, Brenda Kirkland Ford of Newark, NJ; five grandchildren, Sonya F. Jenkins of Belleville, NJ, Alfonso J. Jenkins (Joulé) of Elizabeth, NJ, William M. Singley (Danielle) of Windsor Mills, MD, Marcella G. Singley and Nichelle M. Singley both of Willingboro, NJ. She also leaves four great grandchildren, Jahmill and Jalen Jenkins, William M. Singley ,Jr. and Jamal A. Sistrunk Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Opening Hymn**

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

**Selection**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Musical Selection**

**Acknowledgements &**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Recessional**

**Interment**

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey



*Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at the  
Metropolitan Baptist Church • 149 Springfield Ave. • Newark, NJ*

## *The Master Called*

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.  
My loved ones, oh so dear.  
But you see, the Master called me,  
His voice was very clear!  
I had made my reservation  
A heaven bound ticket for one,  
And I knew that He would call me  
When He felt my work was done.  
I know that your hearts are heavy  
Because I have gone away,  
But when the Master called me,  
I knew that I could not stay.  
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you  
My loved ones, oh so dear,  
But, you see, the Master called me  
And, now I'm resting here.  
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory  
And to you all I say  
Just stay in the hands of Jesus  
And we'll meet again someday.*

### *Acknowledgments*

*The family of Arabella Jenkins acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy extended to them in their time of sorrow. May God continue to bless each of you.*

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