

In Loving Memory
of

Annie
R.
Hawkins

Sunrise
September 19, 1942

Sunset
October 16, 2010

Memorial Service
Friday, October 22, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

Obituary

Annie Ruth Randall Hawkins was born September 19, 1942 in New York City, NY, the oldest daughter of Ruth Jordan Randall and Johnnie Randall. “Ruthie” as she was affectionately called, grew up on Manhattan’s Lower East Side with her two sisters, Dorothy and Juanita and loved making mischief with them.

Always a stylish dresser, she attended Fashion Industries High School where she mastered the art of creating fashions of her own. Ruthie filled many portfolios with imaginative designs and drawings. She became so talented that she created an entire Easter outfit from a dress worn by a comic strip character, Brenda Starr.

Ann, as she was lovingly called by her husband and friends, was a charming and popular young woman, who’s life was filled with friends and suitors. She married, Joe Lee Hawkins and they made their home in East Orange, NJ where they spent many happy years raising their family.

Her home was a house of laughter and Ruthie maintained that infectious sense of humor for the rest of her life. She loved to laugh with you and at you. She was the QVC queen who also loved to party, play cards and sing, “Three Brown Sisters” with her siblings. Her grandchildren will surely miss their “Mama Mia” chasing them around with her cane. When she smiled, she could light up a room. We will miss that smile but we will continue to hold her light in our hearts forever.

Ruthie is survived by: her husband, Joe Lee Hawkins, Sr.; children, Celese Anne Hawkins-Jones and Joe Lee Hawkins, Jr.; son-in-law, Rashon A. Jones; sisters, Dorothy Randall Gray and Juanita Randall; grandchildren, Xavier Zhanere Spivey, Destanee Monét Hawkins, R’zwan Jurel Hawkins-Jones and Jaeleon Cabri Hawkins-Jones; niece, Dawn Marie Loyd; great nephew, Javon Darnell Loyd; aunt, Cora May Jackson Montgomery; and her many loving cousins and friends.

Order of Service

- Processional “My Heart Will Go On”
Xavier Spivey
- Poem Xavier Spivey
- Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”
Tony Payton
- Words of Comfort Rev. Paul Young
- Selection “Take My Hand Precious Lord”
Priscilla Henry
- Reflections Two minutes please
- Eulogy Rev. Frank “Bones” Dowland
- Reading of Obituary Dorothy Randall Gray
- Acknowledgements Family
- Blessing Rev. Frank “Bones” Dowland
- Selection “Oh Happy Day”
Priscilla Henry

Cremation

Fairmount Crematory
Newark, New Jersey

To Mama Mia, My Grandmother

To our eyes, you are gone
But to our hearts you will never disappear.



Do you see all of the family and
Friends that have
come on your account?
This tells us that you were
A very likeable person.
I loved you with all my heart,
As I do
And as I always will.
The shock of your departure
Will always linger
in the depths
Of our hearts.
I know you would want
us to stay strong,

But the pain can sometimes be unbearable.
You cannot EVER be replaced by ANYONE!
“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:
whether we live therefore, or die,
we are the Lord’s.” – Romans 14:8

~By Xavier Z. Spivey

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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