

Celebration of Life
for
Earnestine Griffin

Sunrise
August 17, 1936

Sunset
September 4, 2017



Monday, September 11, 2017 - 11:30 a.m.

GOOD NEIGHBOR BAPTIST CHURCH
100 Chancellor Avenue • Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. George A. Blackwell III, Officiating

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE Minister Donnie Harper

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION Reverend Dr. George A. Blackwell III

SOLO.....“God Has Smiled On Me” by James Cleveland

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Matthew 25:31-36

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TRIBUTES OF LOVE/REMARKS

Mr. Paul Harrison

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OBITUARY/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTSMs. Elaine Lipscomb

SOLO

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INTERMENT

Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

*Immediately following the service a repast will be
held back at the church.*

Obituary

Earnestine Mullins Griffin was born on August 17, 1936 in Cordova, Tennessee to Iola Alsobrooks and Wesley Mullins. She was one of seven children.

Earnestine was educated in Tennessee and relocated to New Jersey in 1953. She worked for an Morvay Advertising for thirty 30 years and later worked twenty 20 years at the West Orange, NJ, Board of Education.

Earnestine married Carl Griffin in 1975.

One of her greatest passions was bowling. She developed a strong love of the sport and bowled three nights a week. She was very active in Essex County and the New Jersey State Bowlers Association. In 1970 she bowled a "700 series" 244, 256, and 256. Only two other women had achieved this accomplishment and her record stood for over ten years. Earnestine attended the national bowlers tournament for thirty-seven years. She was elected to the Essex County Hall of Fame in two categories, performance and achievement. She was the only female in Essex county to has achieved this, to this day!

Earnestine was the founder and director of the Lords & Ladies Bowling Club, and a member of The Bowlers National Association. Until her illness, she continued to bowl two nights a week.

Earnestine was a blessing to all who knew her. She was a woman of great dignity, character and integrity who loved God with all her heart, mind and soul.

Earnestine leaves to mourn her passing: her brothers Eddie, Lee, and James; three sister-in-laws, Bertie Mullins, Gilda Mullins, and Mary Wills, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She is predeceased by her brother John, and two sisters, Helen Jones and Etta Dudley. Her last words for the family were the following,

"Sustain by the grace of God"


Earnestine made a loving and positive difference to so many people's lives. She will be truly missed.

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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.*

-Author unknown

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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