

*In Loving Memory of*



*Mary C. Goins*

*Sunrise*  
*August 17, 1931*

*Sunset*  
*August 19, 2019*

*Service:*  
*Wednesday, August 28, 2019 - 11:00 AM*

**Kelly Temple C.O.I.C.**

10 E. 130<sup>th</sup> St, New York

## *Obituary*

Mary was born in Richmond, Virginia on August 17th, 1931 to John and Elizabeth Carlton. She resided in Richmond with her parents and older sister Eloise until 1944.

At the height of World War II and suffocating overt discrimination of Jim Crow, the family joined the great migration and moved to the mecca of African American life, Harlem New York in August 1944. The family settled into an apartment located at 428 St Nicolas Ave. Thereafter, which the family joined the Church of God in Christ that was located on 128th street and eventually moved to its current location 10-12 130th street.

Mary attended New York City public schools and eventually graduated from Washington Irving High School. After graduating High School, she enrolled in City College of New York where she studied nursing. In 1949 at the tender age of 18 she began dating Arthur Goins. They married August 16th 1951 in Kelly Temple with the services presided over by Bishop O.M. Kelly. Mary and Arthur remained married until her demise.

During the early stages of their marriage Arthur was a member of the eleventh airborne station in Fort Campbell Kentucky and Furth Germany. Mary also joined him to see a whole different world.

After returning from Europe, Mary and Arthur got an apartment in the University heights section of the Bronx and started a family. Michelle was born first followed in a few years later by Michael. In 1961 the family moved to their current residence on Van Arsdale place in Teaneck, New Jersey.

In Teaneck the family was joined by her beloved nephew Jonathan. Mary stayed home and took care of the family. In the mid-sixties Mary added another addition to the family Wesley.

In the mid-seventies with all of the children semi self-sufficient Mary entered the working world obtaining a career with The Bergen County Purchasing Department where she stayed for thirty-eight years until her retirement. During that time Mary also opened her arms to include her nephew Jon David into the family. Mary was a diligent worker for Kelly Temple serving on multiple committees such as The Mother's Board, leader of the Historic Committee, Woman's Day Committee, Floral Committee, leader of the Youth Adult Choir, Trustee, a member of the Glee Club, and several other committees. Mary also helped out in the kitchen or wherever she was needed.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories her husband of sixty-eight years Arthur. Children Michelle, Michael, Wesley and Jon David. Grandchildren Chris and Jon Jr.; great grandchild Ezekiel. First cousin Jeanette Jamison whom she had a lifelong relationship with. A host of family and friends too numerous to list.

Mary is predeceased by her parents John and Elizabeth, sister Eloise and nephew Jonathan.





### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mary C. Goins** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

Professional Services by:

## **Nesbitt Funeral Home**

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