

Celebrating the Life of



Selma Copeland

Sunrise
October 23, 1956

Sunset
January 27, 2021

Thursday, February 4, 2021 - 2:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Bobby Moore, Officiating

Rev. Keith Oden, Organist

Obituary

Selma Copeland was born in Paterson, NJ, on October 23, 1956, to the union of Rev. Joseph Copeland and Elizabeth (Wise) Copeland. Selma was the baby girl of five children. Selma went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

As a young girl, Selma attended the Prophetic Church of God with her family, an active member. Selma loved music and enjoyed singing alto from her youth in the church.

Selma attended Public School 28. She graduated from John F. Kennedy High School, where, through an internship program, she began her career in banking at the Broadway National Bank. Selma was blessed with the natural talent for numbers and recalling information, which enabled her to provide extraordinary customer service.

After fifteen years, Selma transitioned to a new profession in the Paterson Public School System; she worked in the Food Service Department in her new position. Selma sought to further her career with the school system by obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. After being in the school system for over 25 years, Selma retired.

At her death, Selma attended the Paterson Assembly of God, where she served as an Executive Board member. Selma loved her family. She never forgot a birthday, anniversary, or special event; Selma's celebratory texts will surely be missed. She showed an unconditional love that could never be duplicated to all her nieces and nephews. Not having children of her own, she always boasted about having the best nieces and nephews in the world and how God truly blessed her. We will miss her great love for the Lord; she was a strong prayer warrior, her infectious laugh, cooking with family, traveling, conversations, and yearly gatherings in West Middlesex.

Selma leaves to cherish her memory: her sisters, Sandra Crowell of East Orange, NJ and Sheila Jackson (Ronald) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and her brother Jason Copeland (Krystal), Cincinnati, Ohio. Her nieces and nephews: Stanley Crowell, Stacey Crowell (Adrienne), Ragan Stephens (Michael), Tara Courtney, Shannon Crowell-Edghill (Keith), Arthur Crowell, William Lassiter IV (Lena), Michael Lassiter (Sylvia), Amber Lassiter, Elizabeth Lassiter, and a host of great nieces, great nephews, cousins, church family, and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Acknowledgements Church Resolution & Cards

Remarks Family & Friends
2 Minutes Please

Selection

Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Bobby Moore
Paterson Assembly of God, Pastor

Benediction

Words for Christina Anglero

One thing I've come to realize is that.

It's hard to find blessings in times of bereavement.

I'm hurt, I'm mad and I don't want to shout.

But I've also come to learn that the true blessing is that:

They die in the work of the Lord.

It's not what you die of, but who you die with that matters.

You may die of sickness, but if you die with the Lord, that's all that really matters.

The book of Revelation tells us that:

Revelation 14:13 (New International Version)

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for
or their deeds will follow them."

I want to share this story in closing:

Now in days When you place an order at a restaurant.

You place your order in advance online.

You pay for it.

Then they start to get the order ready

They start to get the order ready because they never really know when you're gonna pick it up.

If the order has been placed

And if it has been paid for

They know to get it ready.

Because sometimes you may come earlier than the original time you had planned

She placed her order in heaven.

It was paid for by the blood of Christ.

And Christ came earlier then we would have wanted.

Earlier then we would have asked.

But He came to reclaim what He paid for

Rest well my friend, Rest well!

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

I'm Free

*I'm Free Don't grieve for me, for now
I'm free I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
O yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee-
God wanted me now: He set me free...*

Author Unknown

Acknowledgment

The Family of Selma Copeland wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation for your sympathy in our time of grief. Thank you for your love and support." "Your thoughts and prayers after Selma's passing were felt by us all. Thank you for your sympathy during this time."

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