

Precious Memories



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd;
I shall not
want. He maketh me
to lie down in green
pastures; He leadeth
me beside the still
waters. He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth
me in the path of
righteousness for His
name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of
death, I will
fear no evil; for
Thou art with me; Thy
rod and Thy staff
they comfort me. Thou
preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies. Thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup
runneth over. Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life; and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Corine S. Robinson Grooms** wishes to
thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the
many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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Celebration of Life for



Deacon

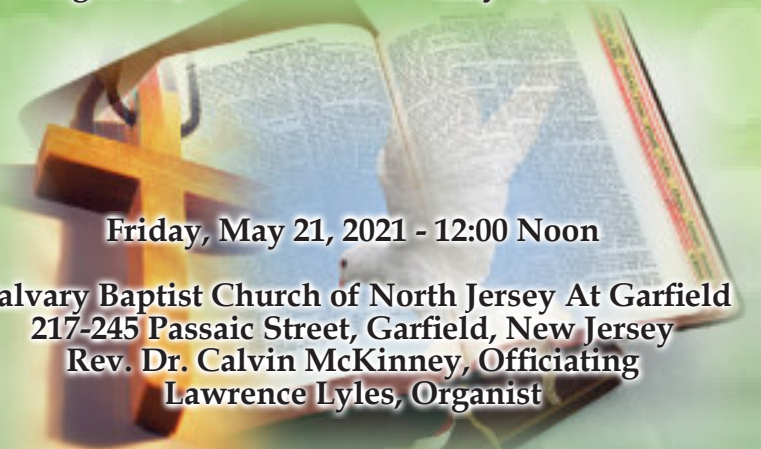
Corine S. Robinson Grooms

Sunrise:
August 18, 1937

Sunset:
May 11, 2021

Friday, May 21, 2021 - 12:00 Noon

Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey At Garfield
217-245 Passaic Street, Garfield, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney, Officiating
Lawrence Lyles, Organist



Reflections of Life



Corine (Solomon) Robinson Grooms was born in Eufaula, Alabama to the late Catherine Farmer-Glover (“Tap”) and Eugene Solomon on August 18, 1937 and departed this earthly life on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. She attended Eufaula City Schools, and after graduating went to Montgomery, Alabama for nursing school but never pursued the career because she couldn’t tolerate the sight of blood. In 1963, she relocated to Passaic, New Jersey and settled there for the next 40 years until moving to Bergen County but never far from her family or her church.

Corine was a woman of faith, commitment, loyalty, and love, among a host of other admirable qualities. Her commitment and loyalty are exemplified in her nearly 30 years of employment at ADP and over 50 years of membership and service at Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield; she was actually at Calvary before Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney became the pastor. During her time at Calvary, she served in several capacities: Deacon, Superintendent of Sunday School, Leader of the Seasoned Saints Ministry, and choir member. Like Jesus, she was committed to serving. Whether or not her knees or hands hurt, she’d be at home, in the kitchen cooking something to bring “to the church house” for various occasions. Most times, she cooked that famous cabbage that everybody wanted her to make. A few times, she yelled at her grandson as he peeked into the pot, “Get outta there! That’s not for you; it’s for my seniors in the senior ministry.” However, she always had another container of greens sitting somewhere close by for the family because she took good care of her church family and her biological family.

In all things, Corine honored and prioritized her Lord

and savior, Jesus Christ first and her family at a close second. She was happiest when in the presence of her family, whether it was at a family reunion somewhere across the country, at the family barbecue in Garfield, at a Willis cookout/party in the backyard on Burgess Place, in the living room at Vernetta’s house on Harrison Ave., at Jeanette’s house waiting for a fish or oxtail dinner, or in the comfort of her own home on a Sunday evening, watching tv with her husband Judge Grooms, spending time with her kids, or sitting on the phone with her cousin, Thelma. She even learned how to use the Duo video app on her phone so she could both hear and see her only son, Edward (widely known as “Country”) whenever she talked to him. As long as family was involved, she was excited, she was there, and she was cooking. Whatever food you needed, she made it and brought it: cornbread stuffing, turkey with gravy, cabbage, collard greens, sweet potato pie, pound cake, coconut pineapple cake, pineapple cake, caramel cake, peach cobbler, banana pudding, just to name a few. And she typically brought at least two or three foods with her.

Whether you knew her as Aunt Corine, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Solomon, Deacon Grooms, Ma, Momma, or Grandma, chances are you were touched by her love and generosity, for she truly demonstrated what it means to lead with love.

Corine leaves many to cherish fond memories: her husband, Judge Grooms; son Edward Jernigan; daughter, Jahkiena Willis; three grandchildren, Temicka Wiggins, Tushawn Jernigan, Jaime Jernigan; brother, Billy Glover; two nieces, Deacon Bonnie Jeanette Willis and Vernetta Willis-DeLoatch; three nephews, Deacon Roger Thomas, Michael Willis, and James “Jelly” Willis; close cousins



Thelma Sanders and cousin “Bae”; a host of great grandchildren and great nieces/nephews, cousins, and loving friends.

Order of Worship

Minister Gina McKinney, Presiding

Organ Prelude

Hymn of Comfort #10 “O How I Love Jesus”

**The Written Word.....Psalm 121
John 14:1-6**

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Consolation #432“T’Il Fly Away”

Poem read by... Makiyah Willis (granddaughter)

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Recessional

Interment
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
255 Main Street
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