



## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
 I'm following the path God laid for me  
 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 or 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 up with remembered joy.  
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
 Oh, 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 heart and share with me,  
 God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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A Celebration of Life for

# Anne May Foster

Sunrise: October 20, 1916

Sunset: September 5, 2021



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 - 12:00 NOON

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

**Isis Agyei, Officiating**

**Dr. Emory Lee, Organist**

## Obituary

Anne May Foster was born on October 20, 1916 in Enfield, North Carolina to the late Estes and Nominer Gary.

Later her parents moved to Newark, New Jersey where she attended and graduated from the Newark Public School system.

Later she met and married the late Bill Foster who was a Sergeant in the army.

Anne was very ambitious. In 1943 she enlisted in the first Army Corps for women called the WAAC where she received an honorable discharge. After leaving the army Anne went to school for beauty culture and became a licensed beautician and opened a salon in her home. After a few years she moved her business to 20 Main Street in East Orange and named it "Mi Beauty Shop". She also opened a Licensed Boarding home in East Orange.

Anne's ambition didn't stop there. She later decided to attend nursing school. She graduated in 1973 and became a licensed Practical Nurse. After Anne graduated she went to work at Orange Memorial Hospital. Anne loved her job and worked there until she retired.

Anne traveled extensively all around the world to places such as Europe, Africa, Hong Kong and many other places.

She loved the Lord and was a long time member of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. People always spoke of how elegant she was, her warm smile, and kindness caused people to be drawn to her. She loved God, her family and friends. She lived a full life, a good example of determination, faith and strength.

She was thankful for all things she accomplished and endured during her long life. Anne was a blessing to all of us. We will remember her smile and all the happy times we had together. She will truly be missed.

Anne is preceded in death by her brothers, George Gary, James Lee Gary Sr., David Gary and her sister Ruth Duncan.

Anne leaves to mourn her passing: one sister-in-law, Rosalie Gary; two nieces, Laverne White, ShaHeedah Hassen; one nephew, Lamont Bristol; her best friend, Shirley Easterling; and a host of Great, Great Great, Great Great Great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional

Selection  
Beulah Land

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection  
How Great Thou Art

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection  
The Wind Beneath My Wings

Eulogy  
Isis Agyei

Recessional

*Entombment*  
Fairmount Cemetery  
Newark, New Jersey