

*The Mass of the Resurrection  
In Celebration for the Life of*



*Mrs. Vivette Sta Minerva Collins*

**Sunrise  
January 13, 1935**

**Sunset  
September 1, 2021**

**Service:  
Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 10:30am**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

**777 East 222nd Street, Bronx, New York 10467**

**Officiant: The Rev. David R. Steele, MA, MHRM**

**Organist: Mr. Elmer Hammond**

# Obituary

*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 their deeds will follow them." [Rev. 14:13].*

## MRS. VIVETTE ITA MINERVA COLLINS

Affectionately known as "Mama", "Aunty Min", and "Sister Min" by her siblings was born in St Andrew, Jamaica, on January 13th, 1935, in the district of Swain Spring, Coopers Hill. She was the third of eleven children born to Eustace Oliver Satchell, a peasant farmer, and Inez Iona Satchell, a seamstress and Floriculturist.

Vivette had a loving heart and caring personality. Her home was always an open door to anyone who needed a place to stay, and she will always make sure you eat.

Vivette's education, began at the Padmore Episcopal Elementary School. She and her younger brother Melville were later transferred to the Red Hills Methodist Elementary School. The main means of transport at that time was by foot, so they had to walk a four mile journey each day to school.

After graduating school in 1949, she was sent off to Marlborough, St Mary to stay with her maternal aunt, Tasmerel Stewart, (Aunt Tas) a teacher. In 1952, Vivette returned to Swain Spring and on her return home, she attended the Red Hills Social Welfare Training Center where she studied home economics, baking, sewing, crocheting, and knitting.

Vivette was considered one of the most beautiful young ladies in the district. She was a real glamour girl, who loved to dress up and put on makeup, to enhance her natural beauty. During the mid-1950s, Vivette was the second runner up in the Miss St. Andrew beauty pageant. Vivette had a love for music and dancing. Wherever the dance was in the area our Vivette was sure to be there.

Vivette ran a small business in baking, selling Easter buns and Christmas cakes, as well as working with Deacon Hall as an assistant. On weekends when her mother could not go into town to vend her flowers, Vivette was able to take her place. It was on one of her flower vending trips to Crossroads/Allman Town area that technical communication engineer working at the Kingston Central Post Office, by name George Milton Collins, saw, met, and immediately fell in love with this beautiful young lady from Swain Spring. On December 30th, 1958, George and Vivette walked down the aisle of the St Margaret's Episcopal church in Liguanea as husband and wife.

In 1960 she began working at the Mico Teachers' College in the dietary department and resided in Elletson Flats, St Andrew. In the mid 80's Vivette migrated to the United States and settled in the Bronx, New York where she worked for the R.A.I.N home care agency until retirement in 2002. She later resided in Maplewood, New jersey with her daughter and family until the time of her passing.

Galatians 5:22-24 *"But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance-*" this is the true character of Mrs. Vivette Collins. On the first September 2021 Vivette's soul entered eternal rest. Vivette leaves behind Children: Collette (Wayne), Keith (Lilian), Rose, Gary, and Sharon. Grandchildren Natasha, Prince, Natalie, Kareem, Ashley, David, and Matthew. Five great grandchildren, six siblings, and a whole host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

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*Interment*

Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

# *I Am Resting*

**I've parted this life my loved one,  
But worry not for I am not gone,  
I am merely resting.  
Don't cry or mourn  
For God is with you and in your hearts.**

**Carry on.**

**We will miss each other,  
But remember God is with us all.  
Be strong my loved one,  
For I am not gone,  
but merely resting.**

**-Author unknown**

## *Acknowledgments*

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