

A portrait of Portia R. Collazo, an elderly woman with short dark hair, wearing glasses and a black top with white geometric patterns. She is smiling and positioned on the right side of the image. To her left are several large, vibrant purple roses. The background is a solid dark purple.

*In Loving
Memory
of*

Portia R. Collazo

SUNRISE: March 23, 1949
SUNSET: September 11, 2021

Saturday, September 25, 2021 - 5PM

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Obituary

The Life of Reneé

March 23, 1949, the late John and Areatha Fulton were blessed with the birth of Portia Reneé Collazo. This precious event took place in Harlem Hospital, New York, New York.

Everyone knew Portia was very outspoken and witty. Those most close to her knew her as just Reneé. Reneé's love was tough love. Reneé was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and cousin.

Reneé was educated in the New York Board of Education. She went on to graduate from Eli Whitney High School. Her career started in the Post Office.

Reneé was united in marriage to the late Henry Collazo on November 1, 1969. This union was blessed by the birth of their beloved son, Henry Omar Collazo.

After the birth of her only beloved son, Reneé embarked in a 30 year career working for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a Program Eligibility Specialist.

Reneé enjoyed traveling both for work and pleasure. Reneé lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed the finest things in life, shopping, dining, gambling and more shopping.

Reneé was aware that life was a rest stop. A resting place along the road to sweet eternity. She knew there were different journeys, and different paths along the way. When the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward and find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

After a long battle with her illness, Portia was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 11, 2021. She was preceded in death by her sister, Frances Fulton. She leaves to cherish in her memory: her beloved son, Henry Omar Collazo; two sisters, Freddina and Cindy Fulton; one brother-in-law, Lamont Florence; five grandchildren, Brandon Omar Collazo, Aisha Collazo, Malik Collazo, Jared Collazo and Ja'mara Collazo; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn: "Let It Rain".....Paul S. Morton

Invocation

Musical Selection: "I Believe".....James Fortune

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.....Elder Maria Cooper

New Testament - John 14:1-6..... Deacon Katrina Edmond

Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Laverne Cummings

Solo: "His Eye Is On The Sparrow".....Sister Janet Thompson

Acknowledgments

Remarks/Reflections (Two Minutes).....Family and Friends

Musical Selection: "Gods Favor".....Donald Lawrence and Tri City

Obituary.....Ms. Raven Carter

Solo: "I Won't Complain".....Sister Janet Thompson

Eulogy.....Elder Laverne Cummings

Benediction.....Elder Laverne Cummings

Recessional with Selection:..... "Wings Beneath My Wings"
(Gladys Knight)

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.

In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the spirit. Despise not prophesying. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God Be The Glory.

**Written by William L. Foster
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