

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

Celebrating the Life of



Acknowledgement

*Our family would like to express Their appreciation and gratitude
for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement.*

May God bless you all for your concern.

Grace Syfert Keets Coleman

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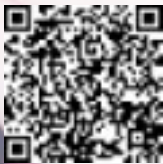
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Sunrise
November 29, 1918

Sunset
January 2, 2022



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



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Grace Syfert Keets Coleman was born on a Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1918 to Gladys and Ernest H. Keets of Westfield, NJ. She departed this world on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at home.

A native of Westfield, NJ, she attended Westfield Public Schools; McKinley Elementary School, Roosevelt Jr. High School and graduated from Westfield High School. Her Westfield High School yearbook, *The Weather Vane*,

said: that she was the "envy of many of the girls and adored by the boys because of her sweet piquantly freckled face and sweet personality"

She was baptized and received all of her religious training and education at the St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion Church, 500 Downer St., Westfield, NJ. That training and education stayed with her throughout her 103 years.

On December 10, 1941 Grace married Elijah Coleman Jr., from that union three children were born, David E., Brock K. and Karen-Jean. She was an active mother in her children's school life working with the local Parents and Teachers Assn. (PTA) and was a Den Mother for Cub and Boy Scouts.

Later she worked at the Westfield YMCA as a Housekeeper for the Residency. She remained at the YMCA until her retirement in 1983. After her retirement, she and her daughter Karen-Jean purchased a house in Plainfield, NJ and that is where she resided until her death.

She was a lively spirit and annually attended Memorial Day Parades in Westfield. Grace loved visiting New York City during the Holidays, working in her flower garden, walking in her community and on occasion she enjoyed relaxing with a cold beer. She loved family and extended that love to all she encountered and they in return became her extended family.

Grace was predeceased by her Sons, David E. Coleman, Brock K. Coleman, Daughter, Karen-Jean Coleman and Grandson, Kent R. Morgan. Also, she was predeceased by two sisters, Elaine Keets and Ruth Jackson and two brothers, Jack Keets and Lyndoors Ernest Grey. She leaves to cherish her memory: her sister, Ernestine "Kippy" Lambert, a special Great-Grand Daughter and caregiver, Tamara Handy, 8 Grand Children; Karin L. Hopkins (NC), Kimberly T. Handy (NJ), Felicia Murray (GA), Crystal Coleman (GA), Lisa Kim Majete (MD), David V. Coleman (WA), Jessica Luna (WA), Grace Floyd (WA). 15 great-grandchildren, 9 great-great grandchildren; a host of Nieces, Nephews, Cousins, family and friends who were very close to her heart.

Grace's fervent charge to her remaining family was to stay together, Love each other and take care of each other.

