

Celebration of Life
Arleatha Hill

Sunrise: June 29, 1946 - Sunset: June 9, 2025



Thursday, June 19, 2025 - 12:00 Noon

Foundation Church NYC

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Bishop Roderick R. Caesar, Overseer

Pastor Beverly Sherrod, Officiant

Obituary

Arleatha Newsome, affectionately nicknamed "Popcorn", was born on June 29, 1946, in Kelford, North Carolina. She was the second of eight children to Willie Ervin (Bud) Newsome and Eva Mae Bazemore Newsome. Very early in life, she learned the importance of family, hard work, and perseverance.

Growing up in the rural south, during the grade school years of her life, she often accompanied her mother when she worked in the farming fields. Popcorn's agility, speed, and precision were rewarded with her very own portion of the field to cultivate. She absolutely loved picking cotton, and it was evident by the amount that she would total, which was two full bags (approximately 300 lbs) per day.

"Pop" also loved to read. She excelled in education. In June 1964, she graduated from South Western High School in Windsor, North Carolina.

Immediately after graduation, Arleatha moved to New York City. On July 29, 1967, Popcorn married her high school sweetheart, Clarence C. Hill. Their union produced four exceptional children; Clarence Devon, Derrick Sean, Michelene Yvette, and Roslyn Montrice.

Arleatha (known as "Lee") worked as a Statistical Data Entry Operator for the accounting firm Weber Lipshe and Company for over four decades, where she retired.

Arleatha was the faithful wife to Clarence, a spirit-filled singer, talented artist, songwriter, poet, inspirational writer, and a great dancer. She could whip up a delicious meal; loved a clean and orderly house, and had a real talent for interior home decor.

When Popcorn loved you, you were loved indeed! She valued family time, especially during the holidays. She loved to laugh just as much as she loved to talk, and she LOVED to talk!!!

All were welcomed to the table for breakfast, lunch, or dinner at the Hill house. If you came in the door, you were guaranteed to leave with a bag of groceries or something in your pocket!

Arleatha was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. She believed in the power of God and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. She believed in the power of prayer, and her faith was the driving force in all that she did. She was a true servant and disciple of the Lord.

She attended Bethel Gospel Tabernacle (Foundation Church) for over thirty years, where she participated as a choir member, wrote songs for praise and worship, and she spent some time as a Den Mother for the Children's Choir. She also served with The Lord's Table Street Ministry and was an active prayer warrior at 6AM prayer. She visited the sick, cared for widows, orphans, as well as fed the hungry and homeless. She witnessed to anyone who would listen and especially to those who seemed like they didn't want to hear the gospel. She clothed the naked and even loved the unlovable.

Arleatha transitioned on June 9, 2025 and leaves a legacy of love through her beloved husband, Clarence Hill, two sons Clarence Devon Hill, Derrick Sean Hill with daughter-in-love Melissa Hill, two daughters- Michelene Yvette Hill and Roslyn Montrice Woodall with son-in-love Aaron Woodall. She had twelve grandchildren: Taylor Drévan, Kadien Sean-Marquis, Aisha Janae, Kalim Tyrese, Ashley Marie, Reilly Elizabeth, Isaiah Aaron, Nia'jah Elisabeth, Gabrielle Sabree, Mya Elisabeth, Addison Leah, and Kennedy Elsie. She also had four great grandchildren: Atlantis Taylor Chang, Aliyah Janai, Justice Isaiah, and Kovi Taylor. She leaves behind two sisters: Ada Newsome, and Sylvia Hardy; three brothers: Willie Newsome with sister-in-love LaVerne Newsome, John Newsome, and Calvin Newsome; four sisters-in-love: Linda Ponton, Lora Griffen with brother-in-love Jeffrey Griffen, Deborah Burton, and Joyce Hill; four brothers-in-love: Charles Hill with sister-in-love April Hill, Jeffrey Hill, Thomas Hill with sister-in-love Alice Hill, Eddie Watson, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Praise and Worship

OT Reading

NT Reading

Remarks

Musical Selection

Remarks

Musical selection

Obituary

Musical Selection

Family tribute

Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Walton's Cemetery
Kelford, North Carolina

The Master Called

I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.
-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.
The Family

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