



*In Loving Memory*

*of*

*Mary*

*Rebecca*

*Quarles*



*Sunrise*

September 3, 1919

*Sunset*

October 15, 2016

*Thursday, October 20, 2016*

*4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

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# Reflections of Life

**Mary Rebecca Quarles**, age 97, entered into eternal peace on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the West Caldwell Care Center. Mary, one of thirteen children, was born on September 3, 1919, an identical twin daughter by the marriage of the late Henry Clay Herndon and Leah Wright of Herndon, Virginia.

At a young age, Mary honorably took on the role as a surrogate mother of her younger siblings after her mother passed away during childbirth. There was nothing more important to Mary than her family to remain together.

Mary was married to Robert Quarles for over forty years. They became the parents of two daughters, Barbara and Sharon.

Mary worked for over twenty-five years for the East Orange Police Department in maintenance. After retiring, she volunteered at the Harrison Arms Retirement Center in East Orange, NJ where she was also a dedicated member of the Sunshine Club. Through volunteering she was able to accomplish what brought her great joy, helping others.

Mary had a wonderful smile that could light up a room. She enjoyed bowling and loved spending time with her daughters and grandchildren. Being a mother and especially a grandmother was the highlight of her life. There was nothing more important to Mary than the happiness of her family.

Mary is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Smith and Sharon Kates; two grandchildren, Kisha Melvin and Michael Smith; three great grandchildren, Leah, Pharaoh and Sudan; sister-in-law, Shirley Washington; one long time friend, Ethel Washington. She's also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

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