

*Homegoing Services  
for*

*Carol Esla Baird*

Sunrise  
*January 4, 1946*

Sunset  
*September 3, 2011*



**Service**

Saturday, September 10, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

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## Obituary

Today, we celebrate the life of **Carol Esla Baird**, who was born in Whim, Tobago, West Indies on January 4, 1946. She was the first female child and one of nine children born to Robert Ezekiel and Erinda Baird (deceased). She departed this life on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at Rahway Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey.

After migrating to the US, Carol worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance for many years, both in New York and Florida where she became ill. There was a common thread for those who knew her. Her compassion, her giving and caring spirit, her love for family and life, her adoration for the kitchen — cooking and baking. As described by her cousins, they looked forward to the weekend when they would visit as they knew they would be fed their favorite food and pastries. Being the oldest sister and cousin, she was affectionately remembered as being the one who set the standard for unity and cooperation. Before her illness, she was excited and prepared to make her last visit to her birth place, but unfortunately, it was not to be.

Left to mourn her passing are her children: Lorraine Ratchford, Nicole Symon, grandchildren, Candice Connors, Fatima and Tamara Drame, and Erinda Ratchford, siblings: Roosevelt Baird, Earl Baird, Junie Baird, Joy Baird, Sandra Baird, Selphia Bennett, Willis Arnold and Carlston Baird (deceased), aunts: Esme Strachan and Ermine Sampson, cousins: Cheryl and Caryl Adams, Maureen, Sheron, and Alston Graham, Keith, Tony, and Sharon Baird, and others, Phern Isaac-Elder, Hyacinth Timothy, nieces: Shelly, Lalette, Shantelle, Tanya, Aja, nephews: Nalo, kimo, Hakeem and many other nieces, nephews, and cousins, son-in-law, David Drame, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law, and dear friends: Lenox Symon and Lynette Grace.

### **WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED**

*God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower – strewn path ways all our lives through,  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.  
But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.*

*~The Family*

# *Order of Service*

## Organ Prelude

Processional .....	The Family
Prayer of Comfort .....	Lorraine Ratchford
Scriptural Readings .....	Luke 6:38 Lorraine Ratchford
Congregational Song .....	“Amazing Grace”
Scriptural Readings .....	I Corinthians 15:51-57 Maureen Graham
Reading of Obituary .....	Candice Connors
Congregational Song .....	“Eye On The Sparrow”
Eulogy .....	Hyacinth Gardner
Congregational Song .....	“Blessed Assurance”
Congregational Song .....	“I Look To You”
Closing Prayer .....	Minister
Final Viewing	
Recessional	

### **Final Disposition**

*Kensico Cemetery  
273 Lakeview Avenue  
Valhalla, NY 10595  
(914)949-0347*

*Please join the family, following the service, at:  
**65 Daniel Street • Carteret, NJ 07008**  
(732) 969-3562*

# Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each and every one of us must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss me-but let me go.

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with sincere gratitude, all gestures of love, friendship, acts of personal interest and thoughtful concern during our bereavement. Your compassion helps us to accept and understand the will of God. May God's richest blessings continue for each of you.*



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