



Remember Me

*To the living, I am gone,
 To the sorrowful I will never return,
 I am at peace with myself and the Lord,
 I cannot speak, but I can listen
 I cannot be seen but I can be heard,
 So remember me in your heart and thoughts,
 Remember me in your memories,
 Remember me of the times we loved,
 Remember me of the times we laughed,
 Remember me of the times we cried,
 Remember me of the times we fought
 And always remember me of the times we
 lived together.
 I am resting in peace with the highest hope
 that some day
 we shall all unite again in
 God's Kingdom.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
 Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so, we saw it there.
 Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
 Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
 Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving Memory of

Catherine Mc Collum

Sunrise
October 16, 1930

Sunset
August 22, 2012

Friday, August 31, 2012 - 12:00 Noon

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH
17 Muhammad Ali Boulevard • Newark, NJ

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgement / Resolutions

Praise Dance

Shareeda McCollum

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey

Obituary

After eighty-one joyous years, **Catherine McCollum** departed this life on August 22, 2012, at Columbus Hospital in Newark, NJ. Catherine, better known as Ms. Cat by family and friends, was an avid gardener and received various awards, from the City of Newark for her outstanding vegetable and plant gardens. Anytime you visited Ms. Cat you were greeted with savory soul food, earnest laughter and stirring blues music. Her candid wisdom, blunt honesty and quick wit is what people loved about her most.



Catherine was born October 16, 1930 in Dillion, South Carolina to Joe and Maggie Lawrence. While there, she worked on the family farm. On March 19, 1953, Catherine married the late Wenford Lee McCollum to this union Catherine brought with her, her two children Chester Robert Carmicheal (deceased) and Jeanette Maeweather. The two later conceived five children together, Wesce Lee, Ida (deceased), Odessa, Rachele (deceased) and Vincent McCollum.

In 1963, the couple moved their family to Newark, NJ. Catherine worked for Saint Barnabas Hospital for several years. Her entrepreneurial spirit led the couple to own a variety of businesses, including Mack's Auto Shop, McCollum's Family Grocery and MaMa's Grocery with her late grandson. After the death of her husband Wenford, Catherine shared the later years of her life and family with the late William Giles.

Catherine possessed unmistakable dignity, resounding strength, pride and keen insight. She is predeceased by her parents, Joe and Maggie Lawrence, four brothers, seven sisters, husband, Wenford McCollum, son, Chester Robert Carmichael and two daughters, Ida and Rachele McCollum. Impart, she leaves four generations to mourn; her impressions will be forever reflected in future generations. With great sadness she will be missed by: her two sisters, Mary Ford and Jessie Lawrence; sons, Wesce Lee and Vincent McCollum; daughters, Jeanette Maeweather and Odessa McCollum. She



will be cherished by grandchildren and great grands, plus a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

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