



*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Celestine Elizabeth Mitchellle*

*Sunrise*  
August 14, 1931

*Sunset*  
January 10, 2013

Service

Thursday, January 17, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

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## Obituary

**Celestine Elizabeth Hawkins** was born in Washington DC to Mason Hawkins and Laura Jones on August 14th 1931. She had three brothers. A family friend brought her to New York at an early age where her care was entrusted to Grace Hawkins of 115th St. Celestine was educated in the New York City public school system. In High School she learned how to sew.

Celestine began to work for New York State. In April of 1972 Celestine began as a Telephone Operator at Bronx State/Cooper Rehabilitation-Center. In August of 1976 she began working at Bay View Correctional Facility as an Account Clerk. In February of 1979 she began working at the Department of Motor Vehicles in the Bronx on East Tremont the Department of Motor Vehicles on Greenwich St. in Manhattan. Celestine's work as a Senior Clerk/Cashier. In September of 1984 Celestine began working at the same work ethic was this: when a test comes up for a promotion, take it, you'll never know whether or not you qualify unless you try. And so she practiced what she preached and was blessed with working for the state in various positions until she retired on December 31st 2002.

On May 14, 1949 Celestine married Walter Lawrence Mitchell. Of this union were born four children. Later she met Paul Heyward and together they produced a daughter.

Celestine learned how to crochet and she produced many baby outfits and blankets for her grandchildren.

Celestine learned that God has a personal name, Jehovah, and she prayed to him often. While in the hospital she could be observed praying to be well enough to go home so that she could spend her last days in familiar surroundings. On January 7th Celestine's prayers were answered and she was taken home where on January 10th she drew her last breath at 3:25 a.m.

Celestine leaves to celebrate her life all five of her children; her daughter, Laura Hooks, her daughter Bianca Faust, her daughter Cathy Currie, her son Mason Mitchell Sr., and her daughter Grace Flowers; seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, four great, great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Mount Hope Cemetery  
Hasting-on-Hudson, New York

That old enemy death,  
has come to the family door.  
For death is no stranger,  
We've met him before.

But we won't be sorrowful,  
Nor should you.  
For just think of the  
Celestine, Mommy, Nana, Grand Nana  
That you once knew.

We still have our pictures,  
Our memories too.  
So many happy moments,  
Shared with all those she knew.

Let's learn from Celestine,  
How to live life so grand.  
And love one another,  
Our family and fellow man.

Though we may live 81 years too,  
In the end, they still seem too few.  
We never know for how long we'll be blessed,  
But after today, we'll know it's one day less.

This time death took Celestine, Nana, Grand Nana  
Our mother, your friend.

But we can be sure,  
We'll see Celestine again.  
For this is a promise,  
Jehovah has said,  
"There'll be a resurrection  
Of those in deaths bed."

"And he'll wipe out death, tears and pain."  
And we can all see Celestine, our mother again.  
And now as we bid, our mother adieu,  
Remember how much, she loved each of you.

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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