

In Loving Memory of



Wilma Ree Haynes

Sunrise

November 24, 1941

Sunset

September 7, 2013

Service

Thursday, September 12, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

REFUGE TEMPLE

2081 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd. • New York, NY

Obituary

Sister Wilma Ree Haynes was born on November 24, 1941 to the late Peter Haynes, Sr. and the late Anna Haynes in Ravenell, SC. She was the youngest girl of twelve children. She was preceded in death by one brother, (Levi) and three sisters, (Lavenia, Dorothy, and Rosa). She was affectionately called “Marie” by family and close friends. She received her formal education in the school systems of Charleston, SC. In 1957, at the tender age of fifteen, she relocated to New York City at the request of her sister Thelma Haynes Brown who relocated to New York shortly before. Upon moving to New York, she continued her education by attending Washington Irving High School and obtained her H.S. diploma. Her first job after high school was as a dietician aide at New York Hospital where she worked for several years, and then she obtained a position at the United States Postal Service where she worked for over forty years until she retired.

She attended the Greater Refuge Temple Church and received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost on July 18, 1957. Sister Haynes served the Lord for over fifty-six years. She quickly began operating in her gifts and talents by working in the ministry. She served in several capacities such as: “*Hands Across the Sea*,” the *Contact Committee*, *Cultural Committee*, *Girls Scouts*, *Greeters Committee*, *Radio Choir* and a faithful long time member of the *Sisterhood*. More recently, she served as the Treasurer for the Greater Refuge Temple Local Women’s Council and assisted in the office at the Church of Christ Bible Institute. She loved God’s word and wanted to learn as much as she could. She attended the Church of Christ Bible Institute and received many accolades and certificates. She also gave of her time to help out with the Repass Committee whenever there was a funeral.

Wilma was a woman of many gifts, talents and a jack of all trades. She was a master seamstress and she took pride in her work. She made many of the uniforms for the Young Adult Usher Board, Youth Ushers and the Jr. Usherettes.

She was crafty and skilled in crocheting and knitting. She crocheted hats worn by the Young Adult Ushers Board, the Youth Ushers and various other churches. She designed and sewed the capes that are adorned by our Mother’s Board and she also made the curtains that are hung in the social hall and nursery for its grand re-opening. She was very handy at fixing things that were otherwise considered “unrepairable”. She was the only one of her siblings who had a “green thumb” a gift she inherited from her father who worked in a plant nursery. She could grow any type of plant or flower and grew many fruits and vegetables right on her apartment balcony.

She loved to help people in any way she could. She gave of herself in a way that was unlike any other. It was hard for her to tell people “no” even if the task was a lot to take on. She loved spending time with her family. Whenever there was a family gathering, there she would be. She was kind but also firm. She spoke her mind when it was warranted. She had a great listening ear and gave sound advice. She was a mother to many of her nieces and nephews and godchildren. She was greatly loved and will be sorely missed.

She leaves to cherish her memory three sisters, **Thelma Brown** of NY, NY, **Margie Green** of Charleston, SC, **Patricia Bennett** of Charleston, SC, four brothers, **James Haynes** of Charleston, SC, **Peter Haynes, Jr.**, of Poughkeepsie, NY, **Albert Haynes, Sr.**, of Charleston, SC and **Russell Haynes, Sr.**, of NY, NY, two godchildren, **Diedre Green** and **Louis Ward**, a long time best friend, **Joan Macafity**, a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, friends, and the Greater Refuge Temple Church family.

Humbly submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort..... Eld. Council

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 34:1-22..... Eld. James Brown

New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:1-8..... Eld. Thomas Bonè

Selection Mass Choir

Resolution..... Sisterhood Department
Sister Lucille Fore, Vice President Sisterhood

Women's Council.....Sister Albertha Allsbrook,
President Women's Council

Remarks..... Family & Friends (2min. please)

Selection..... Mass Choir

Acknowledgements of Cards..... Geraldine Spigner

Family Tribute..... Michael Bouie

Obituary..... Gladys Leonard

Selection Mass Choir

EulogyBishop Charles Wright, Sr.

Viewing

Recessional

Benediction

Interment

Sunset Memorial Cemetery
North Charleston, South Carolina

Come To Me

*God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Come to me"
The days of toil and nights of pain
The weary hours have passed
The patient gentle worn out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.
Day and night we stood by her
And saw her in pain,
Anxiously awaiting her cure
But our waiting was in vain.
God who knoweth all things best
Eased her suffering, gave her rest
She is gone but not forgotten,
Never will our memories fade
Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger
Round the place where she rests.*

-Author unknown

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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