

Homegoing Celebration for



Essie Mae Randolph

Sunrise
July 7, 1922

Sunset
October 8, 2013

Service

Monday, October 14, 2013 - 12:00 Noon

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOMES, INC.

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Kevin McGill, Officiating

Reflections of Life

On Tuesday October 8, 2013, **Essie Mae Randolph**, 91, made her transition peacefully while at home in South Orange, NJ. Essie Mae Randolph was born July 7, 1922 to Hannah Kathleen (Katie) Cobb and Kemp Cobb in Yanceyville, North Carolina. She was the second of eight children born to her parents. Her siblings included: Odis Brown Cobb, Dorothy Cobb, Irma (Cobb) Suffern, Margaret Cobb, Thelma (Cobb) McKay, Robert Cobb, and Cornelius Cobb.

Essie and her family moved to Paterson, New Jersey when she was a young child and she remained a Paterson resident for over eight-five years. She married Paul Randolph of Coatesville, Pennsylvania on September 19, 1941. She and Paul lived in Boston, MA and Brooklyn, NY for several years before returning to Paterson. Essie raised her four children: Joseph Edward Randolph, Paula Candyce Randolph Howe, Robert Sidney Randolph, and Thomas Allen Randolph as a single mother after she was widowed.

Essie worked in industrial positions at local factories before she found her calling in health care. She became a Certified Nurse's Assistant and worked for over thirty years in that capacity. She was employed at Saddle Brook Convalescent Home in Saddle Brook, NJ for over twenty years before retiring. For years after her retirement, Essie enjoyed providing childcare for family and friends. During the last twelve years, Essie attended Caring of Prospect Park Adult Day Center. There she enjoyed spending time with her friends, taking shopping trips, creating craft projects and attending bible study. Essie was not a current church member but she remained a devout Christian throughout her life.

Ms. Randolph has always been generous and giving of her time and resources. She was a Sunday school teacher and a Brownie Scout Leader. Essie was also a Foster Mother for several years. She was multi talented and could be found working on projects around the house such as refinishing cabinets and floors or sewing curtains and slipcovers as easily as she would make her famous cheesecake and sweet potato pies. Essie enjoyed gardening and her green thumb yielded fresh produce, rose bushes and a wide array of perennials in every shade of orange, yellow, red and purple. She was a lifelong learner and prided herself on adding new skills to her arsenal.

She was known to all who love her as a caring person who was always willing to help her family, friends or anyone who was in need. In 1985, Essie moved in with her daughter "Candy" and helped to raise her two daughters, Nichelle Howe and Tami Howe and granddaughter, Shanée Porter. Essie had a very strong bond with her siblings and cousins and spent a great deal of time with them laughing and reminiscing about their childhood. She loved to host cookouts with family and friends throughout the summer season and never needed an excuse to throw a holiday party. Her sense of humor was unmatched and she was known for her one-liners.

Survivors include: her daughter Paula (Candy) Howe; eight grandchildren, Nichelle Howe, Tami Howe, Joseph Randolph, Aicha Randolph, Paul Randolph, Robert McCaskill, Shavon Randolph, and Marcie Capers; nine great-grandchildren, brother-in-law, Edmund McKay; daughter-in-law, Ellie Randolph; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Essie was preceded in death by her parents Katie and Kemp Cobb; siblings, Odis Cobb, Dorothy Cobb, Irma Suffern, Margaret Cobb, Thelma McKay, Robert Cobb, and Cornelius Cobb; husband Paul Randolph; children Joseph Edward Randolph, Robert Sidney Randolph and Thomas Allen Randolph.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements
and Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional



Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me,
I'll be near And if you listen with your heart
you'll hear All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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