

In Loving Memory of



Etta Hill Banks

Sunrise
August 20, 1935

Sunset
November 9, 2013

Memorial Service

Saturday, November 23, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Etta Agnes Hill Banks, was born August 20, 1935 in Southern Pines, North Carolina. She was the twelfth (12th) child of the late Howard and Etta Frazier Hill. Etta was preceded in death by brothers, Howard (*Billy*), Joseph (*Joe*), Clyde (*Skeet*), Allen (*Puttee*), Frazier (*Ninna*), Milton (*Bud*), Earl, and Richard. Her husband of thirty-five years, Gilbert Banks, died in 2006.

Etta was a “cradle Catholic” and graduated from Our Lady of Victory Catholic School and attended West Southern Pines High School. She received her General Education Diploma from the State of New York and an Associate Degree in social work from New York Community College.

As a young woman, Etta relocated to New York City where she worked and raised her family. After retiring in 2003 from New York City Agency of Social Work, ACS Department, Etta kept busy extending a kind and helping hand to not only her family and friends but also to others in the community. Her community activities included, membership in the Grandparents Around the World Productions, Inc., the Northwest Bronx Community Alliance, and the Clergy Coalition. She was an active participant in Local 371 and DC 37 Unions. Etta was a member of the Social Organization, “The Hicks and Slicks.” She took advantage of opportunities to enjoy leisure activities with family members and friends, especially over-night camping trips. Her active participation was a true reflection of her zeal for live and travel.

Etta had many nicknames: As a child she was called by her mother the endearing name “Sukie.” It was a name no family member or friend rarely ever used as if it was reserved only for her mother. Etta’s children, family members and close friends called her Lee-Etta, Lee Ala, Lil-Etta, Little Etta or simply, Etta. To her grandchildren, she was simply Nana. She loved it!

Etta was kind, generous, energetic, intelligent and dependable. She enjoyed being with her family, friends and neighbors. She was a phenomenal woman and those whose lives she touched were blessed by her boundless love and goodwill. She was very compassionate and extended her kindness to family and many friends; if you did not have a place to stay, she always extended a cot or a bed to lay your head. If you no longer had a mother, she would adopt you. After all, she was a New York City Social Worker for many years.

Etta passed away peacefully while sleeping, Saturday, November 9, 2013 surrounded by loved ones. Her memory will be cherished by: her sons, Christopher and Tyrone; daughters, Selma, Wanda, Daphney and Veronica; stepsons, Ebubedike and Kwabla Banks; grandchildren, Lamell, Daphney, Clarence, Deron, Earl and Eric; stepchildren, Ameer, Amari and Kei Banks; and her great-grandson, Jason Jr.

Etta is survived by: her sisters, Lozzie Elizabeth York (Silver Spring, MD), Lila Mae Hunter and Cherry Lee Wharman (*Phillip*); sister-in-law, Elizabeth Hill (*Howard*), and her only surviving brother, Ralph Hill (*Helen*); as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....“I Open Up My Heart”

Invocation.....Elder Michael Murphy

Scripture..... Minister Leonard Frazier

Prayer of Comfort.....Missionary Gloria Thomas

Musical Interlude..... “I Need You To Survive”

Remarks..... Friends and Organizations
Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition
52nd. Precinct
Grand Parents Around The World

Reflections.....Family: Grandchildren Daphney Hill-James, Deron Hill
Children: Selma Hill, Veronica Hill
Cousin: Evelyn Jackson

Musical interlude.....Octavia Hill-Cole

Acknowledgements.....Ebubedike Banks, Stepson

Obituary..... Lamell Patterson, Grandson

Musical interlude..... “At Last”

Eulogy..... “The Word”.....Minister Frederick A. Lewis II

Benediction.....Elder Michael Murphy

Musical Postlude.....“Put Your Hands Together”

Repast

Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m.

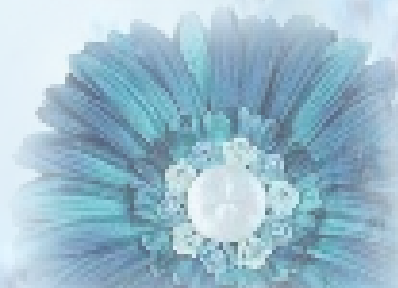
at the Salvation Army Harlem Temple

540 Lenox Ave (between 137th & 138th Streets.)

*The Family Is Comforted By These Words
From A Great Preacher Who Said:*

"We do not know when the call will come. It may be when we are in the midst of work. It may be after weeks or months of illness. But some day a loving hand will be laid upon our shoulder and this brief message will be given "Come home." It is a command one cannot simply, dismiss, delay nor ignore. Come home my child!

All of us must have faith.



Acknowledgement

The family expresses sincere appreciation to each of you for your acts of kindness and words of comfort. Your kind expressions have helped to sustain and strengthen us during this time of bereavement and will be long remembered.

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