



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Sunrise
July 11, 1929

Sunset
February 3, 2014

Aretha Goalsby

Service

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

Christian Love Baptist Church

830 Lyons Avenue • Irvington, NJ

Obituary

Aretha Goolsby, made her peaceful transition on February 3, 2014. Born July 11, 1929 in Newark, NJ, Aretha and Obie her husband of twenty-three years raised three children, Gennine Berthe, Duane Goolsby and Shay Goolsby.

In addition to being a loving mother, Aretha retired as a LPN from Greystone Hospital after twenty-five years of dedicated service. She spent her retirement enjoying family, friends and trips to Atlantic City.

Aretha is survived by: three sisters, Mildred Ingram, Beatrice Green and Barbara Diggs; one brother, William Coates; sister-in-law, Jacqueline Goolsby; brother-in-law, Theophlis Goolsby; son-in-law, Mamadou Berthe; daughter-in-law, Gloria Goolsby; her best friend of over forty years, Dollie Somers; and a host of family and friends.

She was also the proud grandmother of six grandchildren, Raheem Goolsby, Janatha Redfean, Yatia Hopkins, Kenya McCallum, Michael McCallum, Ebony Goolsby and seven great grandchildren.

Aretha is predeceased by her husband, Obie Goolsby, sisters, Dorothy Johnson, Helen Harris, Priscilla Davis, Mrytle Pringley and her parents, Willie and Leola Coates.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn.....“At The Cross”
Congregation

Prayer.....Elder JB Alston

ScriptureProverbs 31:14-21.....Kenya McCallum

Poem.....“Heart Of A Great Woman”.....Mekhi McCallum

Song.....“I Need You Now”.....Alfonso Mike

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Obituary.....Carol Sutton

Proclamation.....Joseph McCallum

Song.....“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”.....Gennine Berthe

Eulogy.....Rev. Williams Christian, Pastor
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Final Viewing

Recessional

Pallbearers

Ty Ingram

Kyle Green

Fredrick Amin Gordon

Hasson Kornegay

Ali Rhett

Gordon Taylor

Bill Spear

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Repast

Friends are invited to join the family for a repast at the church.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Aretha Goolsby** wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

~The Family

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