

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

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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In Loving Memory of



Arlinda F. Jenkins

Sunrise
August 5, 1949

Sunset
February 9, 2014

Service

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

UNITED MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

228 South Harrison Street
East Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Michael Sykes, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy
Rev. Michael Sykes

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Obituary

The sun rose for **Arlinda Faye Jenkins** on August 5, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lee Mullins of Troy Alabama. The Sun had set on February 9, 2014 at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ.

Arlinda was raised in Camelton, Florida where she attended Camelton Elementary School and later, St. Paul High School. After Graduating from High School, she then relocated to Newark, NJ where she landed her first job as a preschool teacher. As time went on, Arlinda was offered a position at Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield. Afterwards she was blessed with a beautiful daughter. Arlinda continued her employment with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield as a claims examiner for approximately 35 years where she remained a loyal and dedicated employee until her retirement in 2004.

In the early years of her life, Arlinda became a God fearing woman and eventually joined the United Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate leadership of Rev. Michael Sykes.

Arlinda later met Arthur and they married on September 11, 1993 and to this union she was blessed with 3 Stepchildren.

Arlinda loved family gatherings, reading, crocheting as well as shopping. She was not a talkative person (unlike her daughter, Monique). You could never tell when she was upset but realized it if she grabbed your hand and squeezed it, and you couldn't say a word. She also never complained about anything not even while battling with her sickness for as long as she did.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her husband, Arthur Jenkins; Her daughter, Monique Jones; 2 Stepsons, Arthur Jenkins, Richard Jenkins; grandson, Troy Mullins; granddaughter, Sieda Tate; siblings, Susie Joyce Mullins Hardaway of Kansas City, Missouri, Sonya and Denise Mullins of Camelton, Florida, Alfred Lee Mullins and wife Barbara Mullins of West Palm Beach, Florida, Lloyd Wynn and wife Leslie Wynn of Alexandria, Virginia, Jeremiah Mullins and wife Janice Mullins, Arnold Mullins and wife Sharon Mullins of Lehigh, Florida, and James Michael Mullins of West Palm Beach, Florida; Nephews, Alvin Mullins, Jefferson Hardaway, Andre Hardaway, Jeremia Mullins, Mark Bent, Paul Mullins, Michael Mullins, Alex Mullins and Anthony Mullins; Nieces, Johnnie Mae Hardaway, Sonya Hardaway, Yolanda Hardaway, Samantha Hardaway, Alfreda Mullins, Lizann Mullins, Kenyetta Mullins, Shannon Mullins, Tennesha Mullins and a host of other relatives and friends.

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