

In Loving Memory of



Narcissus Copeland

Sunrise
February 25, 1924

Sunset
May 20, 2014

Service

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 West 116th Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Narcissus Z. Copeland, also fondly known as “*Doll*” was born to the late Willie and Vera Zimmermon on February 25, 1924, in Lake Pine, Alabama and raised in Montgomery, Alabama.

Narcissus graduated from Booker T. Washington High in Tuskegee, Alabama, attended Tuskegee Institute of Technology and received her B.A. degree at Lehman College in New York City.

She met her late husband, Eugene Copeland in Montgomery, Alabama at the **USO Club**. They fell in love in Montgomery, AL and united in marriage. After their union they move to New York City where they began their new life and started their family of one daughter, Gwendolyn and three sons, Eugene, Jr., Stanley and the late Rodney.

Narcissus accepted Christ in her life at an early age and remained faithful. She loved to work in the church and wanted to do God’s will; she became a member and joined Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in New York City, and raised all her children there. Narcissus was an active member and served the church in various capacities, including the Usher Board and the Missionary Circle.

When you met Narcissus for the first time, you could feel the beautiful and physical love that surrounded all. She was diligent in the care of her family after her husband passed away in 1965. She began a career in Smalls Claims Court, working under the Mayor of New York, John A. Lindsey. She continued to excel and later to the office of General Contracting where she retired after 35 years of dedicated service.

Narcissus was active in her community helping the youth and secured jobs for them and many others. She worked with the Board of Elections, Campaigning for Senator Charles Rangel, and encouraged people to vote, especially some that had never voted. Her charity work goes without saying. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Stars (Fitzpatrick Grand Lodge) in various posts as Matron, National Travel Deputy to name a few.

Her smile was real and sincere, her handshake firm; she was the light at the end of a dark tunnel. She was always concerned for people and how they were treated and was willing to do whatever she could to help or boost their spirit. You could tell when she meant business - when she pointed her finger or gave you the “look”, but did it in a positive and sincere manner and never stopped speaking and loving you.

Narcissus loved all her brothers-in-law, her sisters and sisters-in-law. Not only did she open her heart, she opened her house to many when they needed a place to stay, and took care of them. She assisted in raising and adopted children through the years in her home on the west side of 116th Street and continued when she moved to the east side on 107th Street. She loved all children and people dearly. Her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephew, along with other family members; she believed in God’s blessings that together we could make it. She had a heart of gold and truly earned her crown in glory.

Narcissus leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, (Gwendolyn) Copeland-Tate; **three sons**, Eugene, Jr., Stanley, and Rodney who preceded her; two adopted daughters, Crystal and Terri Copeland; grandchildren, Clinton Tate, Kenisha Copeland, Tamika Copeland, and Antastasia Copeland; great grandchildren, Nubia and Shayla Copeland; two sisters, Lena Walters of Montgomery, AL and Gloria Blackmon (Darrell); two daughters, Tasha and Yarnelle preceded her in death, all of New York City; her niece, Sandra Copeland-Holland (AL); nephew, James W. Copeland preceded her in death; godsons, Wayne Faust and Gary Peterson all of New York; and a host of other relatives and close friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

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Interment

Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York



I'm Free

*I'm following the path God laid for me;
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy;
A friendship shared, a laugh a kiss,
My life's been full, I savored much –
Good friends, good times, and loved.
Lift up your heart for me and now I'm free
God Wants Me Now – He Set Me Free*

Narcissus was a Virtuous Woman, for her price was far above rubies!

Acknowledgement

During our sorrow, more than ever, our hearts turn gratefully to her caretakers, those who helped to make our burdens lighter. To this end, the family of the late *Narcissus Z. Copeland* says simply but sincerely “Thank you”, for your words and expressions of encouragement, support and prayers. We pray that God will continue to bless you as you continue helping and inspiring others. We thank God for blessing us with relatives, and real friends like you. May God keep each of you in his own special way.

The Copeland Family

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