

*In Loving Memory*  
*of*

*Esther Mae Cato*

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?*

**Sunrise**

October 8, 1928

**Sunset**

August 11, 2015



*My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*Saturday, August 15, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

*Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Franklin Bethea  
Old Testament - Esther 7:3  
New Testament - Psalms 121: 1-7

Prayer  
Amanda Johnson

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements & Obituary  
Clyde Johnson

Selection

Eulogy  
Rev. Eunice Timely  
*Asst. Pastor, New Hope Baptist Church, Newark, NJ*

Recessional

**INTERMENT**

Graceland Memorial Park  
Kenilworth, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Esther Mae Johnson** born October 9, 1928, a native of Latta, SC; was born to the union of Saunders Johnson and Edna Brock Johnson. Esther, a long time resident of Orange, NJ, departed this life to live eternally with Christ on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

Esther Mae was educated in Latta public schools. In 1946 Esther was blessed with the birth of her son James Arthur. In the late 1950's she relocated to New Jersey where she married Horace Cato and established her life. With Christ as her guide in 1957 Esther joined New Hope Baptist Church where she became active in the Adult and Radio choirs. Esther was most proud of the pew she sponsored and proudly sat every Sunday.

Esther Mae Cato worked in the city of Newark for many years at Florescent Lighting, she later accepted a prominent position as caretaker for South Orange's Rabbi Siegel and his family, where she remained until her retirement. Upon retirement Esther enjoyed her senior socials and church functions. No matter what the occasion she was sure to look a million bucks.

Esther Mae Cato was ushered into God's loving arms on August 11, 2015 with her husband Horace and son James Arthur awaiting her arrival.

Esther was also preceded in death by seven brothers and three sisters: Saunders, Charles, James Louis, Cecil, Earl, David, Rembert, Lula Belle, Mary Katherine, and Beverly.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Three grandchildren; Tonya (Lamont Sr.) James of Atlanta, GA, Pernell Johnson of Elizabeth, NJ and Jaleeladeen Johnson of Raleigh, NC. Eight great grandchildren: Lamont Jr, Jordan, & Nia James, Nieda, Elizabeth, Christina, Jaleel, & James Johnson. One sister; Geneva (Frank) Bethea of Florence, SC; one brother; Benjamin (Mary) Johnson of Newark, NJ; six sisters-in-law; Ludie Johnson and Liddie Johnson, both of Newark, NJ, Sarah Johnson and Catherine Johnson both of Old Bridge, NJ, Virginia Johnson of Irvington, NJ, Mary Cato of East Orange and Arra Mae Johnson of Raleigh, NC and a host of nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends.

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# *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

*When I come to the end of the  
road and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little-but not too long,  
and not with your head bowed low.*

*Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone.*

*It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know.*

*Laugh at the things we use to do  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*-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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