

In Loving Memory of
Benjamin Floyd Collins, Sr.

Sunrise
August 16, 1950

Sunset
August 16, 2015



Wednesday, August 26, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME

256 Rosa Parks Blvd.

Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Michael D. McDuffie, Officiating

Rev. Rosetta Collins, Eulogist

Reflections of Life

At home, on August 16th 2015, **Benjamin F. Collins**, slipped peacefully into eternal rest with his wife at his side.

Benjamin, or “**Floyd**” as he was more affectionately and commonly known was born on August 16th 1950 in Cherryville, North Carolina to the late Jim (Daniel Floyd) and Mary E. Collins.

He received his elementary education in various schools throughout the United States, due to the extensive travel of his father who was an over the road tractor trailer driver who took his mother and his later siblings everywhere he went. His education would later be finalized through the Paterson School system, namely P.S. # 4 and Eastside High School, Paterson, N.J. It was there where he first saw, but eventually would meet at a local coffee shop, where all the teenagers hung out, the girl he would later marry and spend the next 45 years of his life with! (Guess Who!)

After high school, his employment history somewhat mirrored that of his father, although not quite so extensive, as he took to driving trucks as well, both locally and over the road. He drove many years for various trucking companies, however, he enjoyed driving mostly for ARC Express, then of Paterson, N.J. Semi-retired, his last employment was with Cambridge Security Services, Bloomfield, NJ, where he served as a security officer for various sites. He enjoyed doing this as well, so long as the weather was nice. He didn't enjoy those winter months, especially if there were grounds to patrol!

As a small child growing up, it was said he liked to make a lot of noise like banging on pots and pans around the house, so his father bought him a drum and the rest is history! He began his drum lessons at the age of 5, and became quite an avid drummer! He was mostly known for being part of a local band back in the '70's and '80's known as “The Saints”, which was comprised of some of his boyhood friends who all aspired to make it big one day! Some dreams just don't come true!

Floyd enjoyed many things in life. His favorite pastimes were of course playing drums for “The Saints,” and for many of the other singing groups and bands he played for. He also enjoyed playing basketball (while in high school, and still even later as a young man he ventured out and tried to hang out on the courts with the younger guys!) Listening to music was his thing (all types except classical), not to mention fishing, shooting pool, watching TV, DVD's, reading the newspaper and socializing with his buddies!

For the most part, Floyd was a very quiet and unique person in many ways, even the dates of his sunrise and sunset lets us know that for sure.

He really loved his family even though he sometimes had a very funny way of showing it, but that was Floyd through and through. He was even comical sometimes, as one sister-in-law used to say when referring to him.

In addition to his parents, Floyd was also preceded in death by several aunts and uncles and one precious granddaughter, D'Ante S. Ross.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his beloved wife, the Rev. Rosetta “Ma” Collins, one daughter, Felicia L. Collins, one son and one daughter-in-law, Benjamin F. Collins Jr., (Crystal Collins) one sister Gloria Mayo (Frederick Mayo), Raleigh, N.C., one brother, Ricky Collins (Hafeezah Collins), one uncle, Mr. Leroy Collins, and one aunt, Ms. Nettie Baxter, both of Charlotte, N.C., and an aunt and uncle Mr. & Mrs. George (Charity) Veal, Paterson, N.J. In addition to that, he leaves his memory in the hands of five sisters-in-law, six brothers-in-law, four granddaughters, three grandsons, and two great-grandsons. He also leaves too many nieces and nephews to even count, and a host of cousins, other relatives, neighbors, and special friends, Mr. Kenneth Saunders and Ms. Denise Cook. **All we can say is Floyd, we're going to miss you man!**

Order of Service

Rev. Michael D. McDuffie-Officiating

Processional

Invocation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Scripture.....Psalm 23

New Testament.....1 Cor. 2:9-14

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Melanie Gleabas

Selection

Acknowledgments

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Remarks (2 minutes).....Family/Friends

Selection.....Rev. Marcus Debnam

Message of Comfort.....Rev. Rosetta Collins

Special Selection

Final Viewing


Recessional

Interment

St. Peter's Cemetery
Garfield, New Jersey



There's A Reason



*For every pain that we must bear
For every burden, every care
There is a reason
For every grief that bows the head
For every teardrop that is shed
There is a reason
For every hurt, for every plight
For every lonely, pain racked night
There is a reason
But if we trust God as we should
It will all turn out for our good
For HE knows the reason!*



Acknowledgement

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The Family

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