# Celebrating the Life of Martha J. Singletary



September 22, 1927

November 6, 2015

#### <u> Service</u>

Thursday, November 12, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

#### SAINT PAUL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1446 Washington Avenue • Bronx, NY 10459 Reverend Horton J. Scott, Presiding Dr. Frederick Brinkmann, Organist Bro. Wilfred Mairs, Eucharistic Minister

# Order of Service

The SentencesPrayer Book p. 491Father Scott
Collect for the Dead Prayer Book p. 493
Old Testament - Psalm 23Rev. Earline Brown
EpistleElder Diane Gordon
Hymn #1Congregation
The Holy Gospel John 14:1-6
The Sermon Father Scott
The Apostles' Creed
Prayers of the PeoplePrayer Book p. 497
Acknowledgement & Reflections of Life Elder Diane Gordon
Hymn #2 "May The Work I Done Speak For Me" Congregation
The Great Thanksgiving
SanctusPrayer Book 361
The Breaking of the Bread The Communion
Hymn #3Congregation
Post Communion Prayer
CommendationPrayer Book p. 499
Recessional Hymn #4"The Strife Is Over"Congregation

#### <u>Interment</u>

Mount Hope Cemetery 11 Jackson Avenue Hastings-on the-Hudson, New York

## <u>Reflections of Life</u>

Martha J. Staggers Singletary was born in Hemingway, South Carolina on September 22, 1927 to the late Arthur and Martha Staggers. Martha received her education at Challis High School in Hemingway, South Carolina. She met and married Nathaniel Singletary, Sr., from that union nine children were born, two boys and seven girls.

They later migrated to New York where she furthered her education in community college and became a Para-Professional. Martha was a member of the Episcopal Woman and the Daughters of the King. She was an outstanding community worker and neighbor. She participated as a member of the Tenant Patrol and was a member of the Senior Citizen Center.

Martha was an active church member for over forty-five years. She was a Sunday School Teacher and one of the Mothers of the Church upholding God's service at St. Paul's Church. Martha was preceded in death by her husband; Nathaniel Singletary, Sr., three daughters; Doretha Williams, Regina Pierre and Alfreda Howard two grandchildren; Shavonne Howard and Lamont Singletary.

Martha leaves to cherish her precious memories: six children, Betty L. Singletary, Virginia Singletary of New York, Nathaniel Singletary, Venus Singleton, Geraldine Singletary of Harrisburg, PA and Seymour Singletary, Bluffton, SC; one sister, Helen Staggers-Gordon of New York; fifteen grandchildren; thirty-one great-grandchildren and one great great grandchild, a host of nieces, nephews other extended family and friends.

## 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

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

The family wishes to thank everyone for all acts of kindness shown during their hours of bereavement. May God Bless each of you in a very special way. We will acknowledge all of you at a later date.

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