In Loving Memory of



Sunrise July 8, 1936 Sunset April 27, 2016

Service Tuesday, May 3, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

### Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. • Newark, New Jersey *Rev. Rodney Brooks, Organist* 

## <u>Obituary</u>

**Ethel Mae Bartlett** blessed the world with her presence on July 8, 1936. The daughter of Clarence and Ethel Bartlett who preceded her in death, along with three big brothers, Clarence Jr. (Botts), Richard (Dickey) and William (Billy).

Born and raised in East Orange, NJ, she was an original "Down The Way" girl. It was during her formative years that she established a life-long friendship with Hilda, Mary and Susie. These three were her "Sista-Friends" who affectionately called Ethel "Miss Congeniality."

Her youthful endeavors encompassed a love of the Kinetic Arts, evidenced by her excursions to New York City to perform with Afro-Cuban and modern dance troupes.

Ethel had a very successful career with New Jersey Bell Telephone Company for thirty-five years.

Ethel loved to travel abroad as well as the United States enjoying cultural events. She was a founding member of Jersey Ski and Sports Inc.

After moving to the Rossmoor Adult Community in Monroe Township, NJ, she established new friendships and became an active member of the People of Color Social Club.

Everyone always anticipated her amazingly delicious baked delights, especially her chunky chocolate chip cookies and old fashion coconut pound cake. She was extremely meticulous about the presentation of her baked goods. After a slice of her famous rum cake, you just may fail a breathalyzer test.

She was loved by everyone she met and always had a kind word and gentle touch that came from her heart. Always a pillar of support, encouraging the aspirations of her family and friends.

When God created Ethel, He fashioned one of the most loving, caring and compassionate women we were fortunate to share time and space with. Satisfied with His work God threw the original mold away and said, "A job well done!"

Let's pay tribute to Ethel by following in her footsteps, learning to be patient, kind and loving towards one another.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her nieces, Sandra Bartlett and Patricia Ballew (Ron); nephews, Kenneth Bartlett, Earl Harris, Eric Harris (Leslie); special surrogate nieces, Cheryll Heggins, Beverly Ashmon, Deborah Barnes and Helen Jones; godchildren, Shelley Umrani and Russel Coleman; special friends, Susie Coleman, Mary Rodgers and Hilda Mendez and other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and loving friends.

Order of Service

Musical Selection Janice Harrison-Aikens
Ancestral African Drum Blessing Billy Bungo, Mama Yaa Lawrence Turner
Scriptures Patricia Ballew Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10 New Testament - Romans 5:2
Prayer of Comfort Deacon Spencer Heggins
Reflections 2 mins.
Acknowledgments/Obituary Cheryll Heggins
Musical Selection Earl Harris
Eulogy Minister Cortland Heggins

Recessional

#### **Cremation**

Rosedale Crematory 408 Orange Road Montclair, New Jersey 07042

The Repast The Priory, 233 West Market Street, Newark, NJ 07103

# Susie Mary Ethel Hilda

There is a secret that only real friends know, and it

is this; all the mountains and valleys in the world

cannot separate friends whose hearts are as one.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.

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