



*In Loving Memory of*  
***Katie Florine Austin***

Sunrise  
November 15, 1918

Sunset  
June 9, 2016



*Thursday, June 16, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.*

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**  
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey  
*Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating*  
*Emory Lee, Organist*



## Obituary



**Katie Florine Bond** was born on November 15, 1918 in Sunbury, North Carolina. She departed this life on June 9, 2016.

After moving to Newark, NJ at age 18, she eventually met and married John Wilbur Austin. To union, a son, Wilbur Eugene (Gene) was born.

Katie worked for 60 years in South Orange, for Dr. Antonius, a Dr. At St. Michael's Hospital in Newark, NJ.

Katie had lived at 545 Park Avenue, East Orange, NJ, a senior citizen housing complex, where she was an avid card player and die hard wrestling fan. She said that she stopped going to the Rec. Room when they removed the carpet because it was too cold and the floors were hard. One of her grands, John, bought her a coin changer for when she played cards to make change for nickel and dime games.

After sustaining a fall in 2012, Katie had been at the White House Nursing Home in Orange, NJ, where she underwent therapy and convalescing after a broken hip.

Katie always sustained a sense of humor. Her family picked her saying "nobody's home-they moved out" whenever she forgot something. Katie will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She leaves to mourn: her son, Gene; his wife, Linda; her sisters, Janie Smith of North Carolina and Celestine Bond; her brother, Earl Bond of North Carolina; her grandchildren, Jill Keyes (Tom) Lisa Abel (Jerry), John Hughes, Haile Hughes (Charlene) and Kia Highsmith; her eleven great grandchildren, Whitney, Brianna, Ashley, Tiffany, Tyeisha, Janaya, Janelle, Haile Jr., Justin, Mekhi and Mekenzie; four great grandchildren, Chase, Skyler, A'Nijhae and Justin and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Sarah and Henry Bond and husband, John Wilbur, her sisters, Lillie, Anita and Maggie and brothers, John and James predeceased her.

From all the family we thank you for your prayers and acknowledgements. May the Lord continue to be a blessing upon us.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

## **CREMATION**

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## *The Dash*

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I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of birth  
and spoke the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.  
For that dash represents all the time

that they spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved them  
know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own,  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.  
So, think about this long and hard.  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
that can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.  
And be less quick to anger  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.  
So, when your eulogy is being read,  
with your life's actions to rehash...  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent YOUR dash?

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## *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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