

*Celebrating the Life of*

# *Idalia Casiano*

**Sunrise**  
October 30, 1955

*"Nina"*

**Sunset**  
January 16, 2017



## *Reflections of Life*

**Idalia "Nina" Casiano** was born October 30, 1955 in Jersey City, NJ. She was the baby girl of the late Alexander and Essie Parker.

Idalia "Nina" was educated in the Paterson School System, and in 1974, she graduated from the John F. Kennedy High School. She then attended the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, where she received her teaching degree. She taught in several Passaic County Elementary Schools, including the Fredrick H. LaGarde Academy under her godfather Rev. Fredrick H. LaGarde, Sr, until she became disabled.

Idalia loved teaching and when she was unable to teach in the public school system, she continued to teach wherever she was. Teaching was her "PASSION". She also served as secretary in the Community Building where she resided.

Nina had a kindred spirit, and was LOVED by EVERYONE she encountered.

For those who knew "Nina", knew that when she had something to say, she projected her voice with increased volume. She was a CAT LOVER! Her cats were the second loves of her life, and she let that be known to everyone! NINA was a great listener who also loved to talk. Her favorite things to do were to cook, sing, clean, watch horror movies and dance. This DIVA was the life of the party. To know her was to love her!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alexander and Essie Parker; one brother, William Parker; one nephew, Steven Sumpter; one brother-in-law, John Brown, Sr.; and one sister-in-law, Ann Christine "Missy" Parker.

Idalia leaves to cherish wonderful memories, first to the love of her life and only child, Alexander Butch Casiano; sisters, Alma Sumpter and Muriel Brown; one brother, Henry George Parker; one brother-in-law, Robert Sumpter; her fiancé, Robert Bryant; special friend, Elsie Parks; a host of nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly; cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Sunday, January 22, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.  
**CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
36-38 Hopper Street  
Paterson, New Jersey 07522  
*Rev. Brian Collins, Interim Pastor*  
*Brian Crockett, Organist*

## *Order of Service*

Prelude .....Brian Crockett

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Brian Collins

Selection

Remarks .....(2 Minutes)

Acknowledgements & Reflections of Life.....Niece, Shavelle Ross

Special Poem ..... Niece, Katrina Brown

Words of Comfort .....Rev. Brian Collins

Recessional

**Interment**

Fairlawn Memorial Park  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

## *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*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Idalia "Nina" Casiano** acknowledges with deep and heartfelt appreciation all acts of love, concerns and kindness extended to them during their time of bereavement.

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