

In Loving Memory
of
Ruby Burns-McMillan

Sunrise
August 22, 1932

Sunset
February 15, 2017



Memorial Service:
Saturday, February 25, 2017 – 12:00 Noon

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME
37 Clinton Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Song

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Gregory Daughtry

Reflections

Eulogy
Rev Gregory Daughtry

Final Farewell

Closing Hymn



Obituary

Ruby Burns-McMillan was born on August 22nd, 1932 in Belzoni Mississippi to the late Milton Burns and Marie Williams Burns. Ruby, known to all as “Big Mama”, departed this life on February 15th 2017. She is preceded in death by her son Harry and older sister Katherine, who she lovingly referred to as Katie. In childhood, Ruby moved to Peekskill, New York where she briefly attended elementary school.

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Afterwards she moved to Jersey City, New Jersey with her parents Milton and Marie Burns where she was educated in the Hudson County School system. Ending her education abruptly, Ruby decided to join the workforce to provide for her family. Ruby started her first job at an egg factory in downtown Jersey City but left shortly thereafter to work at a family restaurant waiting tables. There she met Harry Freeman who would become the father of her first three children (Harry Freeman Jr., William Percy Freeman and Gloria Jean Freeman). A few years later she began what would be a long career with Consolidate Laundries. Throughout her time there she met and formed a union with the late Arthur Thomas McMillan Jr. From this union they were blessed with four more children, (Arthur Thomas McMillan III, Debra Anne McMillan, Stacy Marie McMillan and Larry Rogers McMillan). Ruby spent over 45 years with Consolidate Laundries working on heavy machines until she retired in 1991.

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Ruby Burns’ strength, love, generosity and wisdom will carry on in those she loved and those who loved her. Ruby is survived her six children; William Freeman and his wife Edna Freeman, Gloria Brown and her husband Erwin Brown, Arthur McMillan III and his wife Jackie McMillan, Debra McMillan, Stacy McMillan-Moore and her husband Ricardo Moore, Larry McMillan and Twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Remember Me

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Remember me with smiles not tears,

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For all the joy through all the years.

Recall the closeness that was ours,

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A love as “sweet” as fragrant flowers.

Don’t dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,

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We’ll see each other once again.

I am at peace...try to believe,

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It was my time...I had to leave.

But “what a view”, I have from here,

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I see your face, I feel you near,

I Follow you throughout the day,

You’re not alone along the way.

And when god calls you...you will be,

Right by my side...Right here with me.

Till then, I’ll wait by heaven’s doors,

We’ll be united...evermore!

Psalm 27

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord. 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. 9 Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. 11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. 13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

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