

Funeral Service of
Cleatha Mae Parrish

October 9, 1928 - June 24, 2017




Service:

Monday, July 3, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

242 South 8th Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103

Obituary



Our beloved **Cleatha Mae Parrish** (lovingly referred to as Cleat) was born October 9, 1928 in Reidsville, GA to the late Charley and Arsula Collins. She was the 10th of 17 Children. She received her high school education at Dickerson training school in Vidalia, GA. After graduating she taught elementary school for a few years.

She met and married Richard Parrish Jr. (who preceded her in death on August 7, 1947). From this union they parented 7 children. They remained married 54 years. In 1953 Cleatha, her husband and two young children moved to New Jersey where she was a devoted housewife for many years as her family grew. After her children were older, she worked in the Mattell Toy factory and R.E.D.M factory in

Wayne, NJ, and then in Harrison, NJ.

Cleatha grew up in a household of Baptist religion. As a young adult she accepted a home bible study for her family and after being taught by means of Gods word the Bible, she dedicated her life to Jehovah God by means of water Baptism in 1973 at a convention at Yankee Stadium. She attended the Newark West Congregation.

Cleatha was steadfast in her belief and faith in Gods promises. It compelled her to make her best efforts to obey his requirements by sharing her knowledge with those who would listen and benefit. She expressed the hope of a resurrection here on a paradise earth with everlasting life as Jehovah promises. Her favorite scriptures were the 23rd Psalm, Isaiah 11: 6-9 and Revelations 21: 3,4 no sorrow or pain.

Cleatha was a loyal wife, loving mother and according to her grandchildren the best grandmother ever! She treated them as if they were her own children. She referred to them as my young'uns. They loved to listen to her talk about her life down South in GA. and she remembered every event, moment, and name.

She was predeceased by her siblings; sisters: Frankie Collins, Dorothy Walker, Ada McCloud, and Erma Sharpe. Brother: Elmer Collins, Johnnie Collins, Joseph Collins, and Charles Collins.

She has left to mourn her passing four surviving siblings, Thelma Hart of Miami Gardens, Betty Jean Collins of Vidalia, GA, Clevon Collins of Newark, NJ and Ira Collins of Vidalia, GA. Four sons, Tommy Parrish (Linda) of Matawan, NJ, Faakhir Abdul Azeez (Born Robert Parrish), Richard Parrish III (Michelle), and Charles Parrish all of Newark. Two Daughters; Dixie Hansford (Grover) of Alpha, NJ, Bonnie Parrish Scott (Terry) of Newark, NJ. Fourteen grandchildren; Roslyn, Connie, Rajohn, Stacey, Shareef, Kenyatta, Ambi, Saheed, Misty, Catrina, Samirah, Najib, Zaid, and Lachelle. Thirty-five great grandchildren and one great great grandchild all of whom she loved so much. Cleatha also leaves to cherish her memories a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer.....Victor Alton

Reading of Obituary..... Victor Alton

Discourse.....Victor Alton

Closing Song..... 151 “He Will Call”

Closing Prayer.....Victor Alton

INTERMENT

Oakey Grove Cemetery
Lyons, Georgia

*Repast
Immediately following
875-883 Sanford Avenue
Irvington, NJ*

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Cleatha Mae Parrish** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all the kindness and concern that came to us by way of phone calls, cards, flowers, food, donations, emails, text messages, and hugs. Please know that your caring, sharing support and thoughtfulness will be a source of comfort to us in the days to come.

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