

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**  
*Gennie D. Spates*

Sunrise: October 27, 1957 - Sunset: July 21, 2017



**Service:**

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

# Obituary

**Gennie Spates, 63** was born on October 27, 1953 in Greenville, NC to the late Joe James and Lillie Mae Wiggins. She departed this earth on July 21, 2017 at home peacefully, surrounded by her loving family.

**Gennie** was educated in Pactolus, NC. She moved to Newark, NJ in 1969 to start a new life. After relocating to New Jersey she took on several jobs. Gennie worked at Interbake Foods Inc. in Elizabeth, NJ where she retired in 2006. Gennie was a very outspoken person who enjoyed her family and friends. She was known for being the life of the party but will always be remembered for her grand entrance into any room saying “Gene’s In The House!” Gennie loved cooking and was known for doing her thing on the grill at every family cookout. Gennie loved fishing, playing cards, listening to music and dancing. She loved herself some Jaheim!

**Gennie** was a loving and caring mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend. She found joy in making others smile.

**Gennie** was preceded in death by her parents Joe James and Lillie Mae Wiggins, three brothers Shephard Joe Wiggins, James Wiggins Jr., and Herbert Wiggins.

**Gennie** leaves to cherish one daughter, Ronette Collins (Charles Sr.), one son Michael Wiggins (Rakeeba), four grandchildren Charles Collins Jr., Deshaun Wiggins, KiAsia Collins, and Dante’ Collins; twelve siblings Dorothy Wiggins, Helen Wiggins, Henrietta Wiggins, Piney Little (Charles), Robert Wiggins, Johnnie Lee Wiggins(Lynn), Myrtle Jo Bruton, all of Newark, NJ, Ray Wiggins (Shirley) of Rahway, NJ, Layuna Hollis, and Paul Wiggins (Desiree) of Allentown, PA, Lester Wiggins of Cambridge, MD, and Minnie Pilgreen (Jodie) of Greenville, NC and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional

Organist.....Mustafa Daniels

Prayer of Comfort.....Apostle Gregory Hollis

Scripture Readings ..... Clergy

*Old Testament*

*New Testament*

Music Selection.....Tammy Hollis

Acknowledgements & Obituary.....Alexis Burks

Reflections/Remarks..... (2 Minutes Please)

Music Selection ..... Monique Allen

Eulogy.....Pastor Veronice Horne

Recessional

Pallbearers  
Family and Friends

**INTERMENT**  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

# Remember Me

*To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful I will never return,  
I am at peace with myself  
and the Lord,  
I cannot speak, but I can listen  
I cannot be seen but I can be heard,  
So remember me in your heart  
and thoughts,  
Remember me in your memories,  
Remember me of the times we loved,  
Remember me  
of the times we laughed,  
Remember me of the times we cried,  
Remember me of the times we fought  
And always remember me of the times we lived together.  
I am resting in peace with the highest hope that some day  
we shall all unite again in  
God's Kingdom.*

*-Author unknown*

## 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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