

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing glasses, a white wide-brimmed hat with horizontal stripes, a white jacket over a white top, and a blue sash. She is smiling slightly. The background is a light blue and white abstract design.

Rebecca E. Butts

Sunrise: March 18, 1914
Sunset: September 17, 2017

Service

Friday, September 22, 2017 - 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO

211 West 141st Street • New York, NY

Obituary

Rebecca Elizabeth Butts was born to the late Richard Goodwin Jr. and Queen Powell Goodwin on March 18, 1914 in Brunswick County, Virginia. Rebecca dutifully helped her mom take care of her four younger siblings. Later, as a young adult, she went to work in the homes of wealthy families caring for their children to help support herself.

Rebecca met and married William Walker while in her early 20's and the two started a family of their own. The couple had a son, Thomas N. Walker. Several years later, after her husband William's death, Rebecca married McKinley Butts, Sr. and they later became the proud parents of McKinley Butts, Jr.

Rebecca has earned the respect and admiration of her family, her friends and the clergy and administration of the church of St. Charles Borromeo where she is a long-time member. On May 13, 2014, she was honored for over fifty years of service and a lifetime of dedication and commitment to the people of God and for her service to the Pope John Paul II Senior Center. The Saint Vincent de Paul Sociality, the Fellowship Committee, The Pilgrim to Shrine at the annual Pilgrimage to Greymour, Central Harlem Senior Citizen Center, The Drew Hamilton Senior Citizen Center, the Altar Rosary Society and Sisters of Charity. Rebecca was presented award of appreciation from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Community Service Society of New York.

Rebecca was preceded in death by one grandchild McKinley Butts III and one great grandchild Christina Walker.

Rebecca leaves to mourn a sister, Alice Goodwin. Two sons, Thomas N. Walker and McKinley Butts Jr. A Daughter-in-law Velma Butts. Four grandchildren, Lance Walker, Celeste Walker, Germain Walker and Terrence Butts. Five Great Grands Malcolm Coy, Denzel Williams Khalid Walker, Kahari Walker and Courtney Walker. Two Great, Great Grands Cori Walker and Jaylen Butts. Rebecca also, leaves a host of other family and friends.

Order of Service

Gathering Hymn
#103 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Processional Hymn
#173 "Amazing Grace"

Placing of the Pall

First Reading - Old Testament ~ Psalm 23
Read by - William Johnson, Sr.

Second Reading - New Testament ~ A reading from Revelation 14:13
Read by: Kim Parker

General Intercessions

Offertory Hymn
#162 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Communion Hymn
#186 "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

Communion Meditation Song
#263 "I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Obituary
Celeste Walker

Recessional Hymn
770 "Soon And Very Soon"

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

I Am Resting

*I've parted this life my loved one,
But worry not for I am not gone,
I am merely resting.
Don't cry or mourn
For God is with you and in your hearts.
Carry on.
We will miss each other,
But remember God is with us all.
Be strong my loved one,
For I am not gone,
but merely resting.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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