Celebrating the Life Of

Mother Juanita S. McKenney



Sunrise: August 11, 1923 Sunset: October 21, 2017

Service:

Saturday, October 28, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

PORTER MEMORIAL C.O.G.I.C.

677 Ocean Avenue • Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

Obituary

Juanita Serella McKenney "Mother Dyanmite"

Juanita Serella McKenney was born August 11, 1923 to the proud parents of Ethel Colston and Edward P. Colston in Mount Hope, West Virginia. She was the third oldest of five children. Juanita was educated in Mount Hope, West Virginia. She attended Dubois High School.

On March 21, 1947, she married Charles Horace McKenney and from this union four children were born; Charles W, Ruth Evelene, Danny Lee, and Edward Jerome McKenney.

In 1961, Juanita was baptized in the Glorious Church of God in West Virginia and received the gift of the Holy Ghost. She was committed to the work of the Lord God and whatever her hands found to do she did it. She was known to rejoice and cry in the presence of the Lord and was never ashamed to embrace the presence or speak of His goodness.

During the year of 1966, she relocated her family to New Jersey for a new beginning and to find work. She also worked as a machine operator until retirement. She was known as a very hard worker and would do anything to assure the care and safety of her children. She was determined to provide for her family and no job was too low for her to perform. For Mother McKenney, "where there was a will there was a way", you would find her picking up cans, bottles and copper which exceeded more value than she had anticipated. Store owners would allow her in their establishment at night to gather the bottles that were going to be discarded. She continued this practice until her health began to fail.

In 1991, she became a member of The Glorious Church of God in Christ in Newark, NJ; under the leadership of Pastor Azel Colston Jr. She worked diligently in the help ministry. You could always find Mother Juanita in the kitchen serving dinner and everyone loved her sweet potato pie. She had a heart of love and compassion for others. She never wanted to see anyone go without or hungry. If she knew you were ill or down emotionally she would always take time to check on you. She was a lover of people, and will forever be remembered for helping anyone in need. Her attitude was positive: and she always displayed love and affection not only to her family but to her community at large.

She exhibited this love to her children, grandchildren and great grands which supersedes the definition of love. She had a special love for humanity, that love extended to furry animals of every kind. She did her part to assure animals and nature were preserved. No stray cat or dog were left hungry.

On October 21, 2017 Mother McKenney took her last breath and moved from time to eternity, for sure she is out of the storm. She will be sorely missed, life won't be the same without her. Yet, there is joy knowing she finished her race and entered a place where pain and sorrow are no more. Juanita was the devoted wife, mother and grandmother, great-grandmother. She is survived by her loving children Charles W (Greta), Danny Lee, Ruth, and Edward. Brother: Bishop Azel Carl Colston Sr., and his wife, Mother Dorothy Colston, Sister Marie Gathier, 16 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren 10 great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews a myriad of devoted friends; in addition, she is sorely missed by her dear favorite pet-companion her furry best friend Mickey, during her illness he never left her side.

We will forever celebrate and speak your name Momma, Juanita McKenney - Our Queen!

Order of Service

Processional

M.C. Sis. Caroline Ellis-Saunders
Prayer of Comfort
Scripture Readings
Selection
Words of expression from FamilyElder Charles McKenney, Sr.
Minister of Music (Selections)Evangelist Lucretia Colston-Bolden
Expressions, Words of Comfort to FamilyTwo Minutes Please
Reading of ObituarySister Caroline Ellis-Saunders
Minister of Music (Selection)Evangelist Lucretia. Colston-Bolden
Eulogy Bishop Azel Colston, Jr. The Glorious Church of God in Christ
Final Viewing
Closing SongsEvangelist Lucretia Colston-Bolden
Recessional

Repast immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

INTERMENT
Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery Wrightstown, New Jersey



















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Sleep Well Sweet Angel

Mom, you were the best Now go with God and get some rest No more stress nor pain You're walking on God's lane.

We'll miss you forever and a day
But we all must go this way.
We all depended on you,
Oh God! What will we do?
You were such a sweet and precious soul,
When God made you, He broke the mold.
On October 21, God took your hand,
And now you're with Him in the promised land.
So, sleep well sweet angel, we love you so,
But God knew it was time to go.

Written by her daughter: Ruth Evelene McKenney

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

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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