

*Celebrating the Life
of*

Deaconess

Collie Isom



Sunrise: July 31, 1940

Sunset: November 20, 2017

Service

Saturday, November 25, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 W. 138th Street • New York, NY 10030

Officiating

Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III - Pastor, The Abyssinian Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. Johnnie G. McCann, Sr. - Pastor, St. Luke Baptist Church

Obituary



On November 20, 2017, **Collie Mae Isom** of Bronx, New York was called home to be with the Lord. She was born on July 31, 1940 in Hemingway, South Carolina to Thewoflar Wright Washington and raised by her grandparents, John and Celia Wright.

At an early age Collie was baptized at Jerusalem AME in Hemingway, South Carolina. She attended Chavis High School in Hemingway, South Carolina for a few years; however, decided to leave South Carolina for a better life. She spent a short time in Washington, D.C. and then finally settled in New York. Once she got to New York, her life changed for the better. Not only did she complete her high school courses at Wadleigh Secondary School and received an

Associate's Degree from Pace University; but she met and later married Phillip Isom III on September 30, 1963. She was Phillip's best friend, as was evident by their 54 years of marriage and his steadfast loving care for her during her final days. Collie totally put her education and untiring work ethic to use by working for 34 years in the New York City Board of Education. She spent most of her tenure at PS 183, where she held several roles that included: paraprofessional; supervisor to the school's aides; and director of the after school program.

Collie was the heart of her large family. She was the sister to Theodore Wright (predeceased) (Louise), Mary Francis Garvin (Frank predeceased), Frank Wright (Buena), Velma Washington (Bill), Hazel Washington, Vera Gordon (John predeceased), Clayton Washington, Daniel Washington (Denise), and Donald Washington. She had a sisterly relationship with two of her aunts, Ruthner Hilton (John Edward) and Mazine Bell (James). She was also a sister-in-law to William Isom (Virginia), Sanford Isom (Charlene) and Elizabeth Bryant (Harold). Every day she talked to her family and friends (like Mrs. Mary Stanley), and was a trusted advisor and confidant to many. She was always eager to host holiday meals, barbecues, and those who just needed a place to lay their head. She was always happy to cook and bake for all. She would often bless people by baking them one of her famous sweet potato pies or making them a pan of her special blend of macaroni and cheese.

Collie loved taking road trips with family and travelling to different parts of the United States with friends. It was also common for her to support those in need by visiting them when they were sick or by being a source of comfort during a time of bereavement. She also loved to go shopping for deals, even if her shopping did not actually result in a purchase. But most of the time the trip did, as she amassed an amazing amount of shoes and clothes over the years.

When Collie was not talking on the phone, cooking for family, shopping for deals, or comforting others, she spent her time at St. Luke Baptist Church. She joined St. Luke and was baptized by the Reverend Dr. Johnnie G. McCann, Sr. in 2001. She was a devoted Deaconess who served in the following ministries: Koinonia Mass Choir, Culinary, Worship On Wednesday, Missionary, Jubilee and Nurses.

Collie, the loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, leaves to cherish her memory: three sons, Phillip IV (Anne 'Robin') and his children, Aiyanna, Phillip V, and Ande, Patrick (Crystal) and his children, Gabrielle, Darius, and Christina, and Jermaine (Marie) and his children, Daphcar, Jocarl, Jharell, and Carnaelle; niece, Melissa Garvin; godson, Jeffery Williams; twenty-one nieces and nephews; and a host of cousins, relatives and friends who will all treasure her time with us.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Ministers • Officers • Family

INVOCATION

“He’s Sweet I Know” ~ Eunice Newkirk

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“I’ll Fly Away” #601

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament – Isaiah 41:10

New Testament – Matthew 5:3-10; II Timothy 4:6-7

PRAYER OF COMFORT

MUSICAL SELECTION

St. Luke Baptist Church Koinonia Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Deacon April Fowler

TRIBUTES

Rev. Myrtle Turner • Deacon William H. Cofield
Melissa Garvin, Niece • Deacon Patrick Isom, Son

THE OBITUARY READING

Deacon April Fowler

MUSICAL SELECTION

St. Luke Baptist Church Koinonia Choir

EULOGY

Reverend Dr. Johnnie G. McCann, Sr.

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“Going Up Yonder”

Interment

Greenwood Union Cemetery • Rye, New York 10580

Repast - 2pm

Riverside Church - Assembly Hall

91 Claremont Ave (between 120th and 121th Str.)

New York, NY 10027

*A special tribute from her husband Phillip:
My wife was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.
My wife lived a Christian life - always giving.
She was my mentor. She always kept me grounded.
I will miss her dearly; her kind face and her intoxicating smile.
I love you, darling.
Sleep well, my Sweet Princess.
You are in God's hands now.*



Acknowledgement

The family would like to extend special thanks to cousins, Melvina Brown, Grace Watson, Cloy Wilson, and a very special friend, Michele Thomas. Also special thanks to her doctors, nurses, and caregivers particularly those at Calvary Hospital.

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