

*Celebration Of Life
For*



Bessie Elizabeth Coleman

Sunrise: August 9, 1946 - Sunset: June 28, 2022

Service

Thursday, July 7, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

1376 Prospect Ave • Bronx, NY 10459

Reverend Anthony Lowe, Officiating

Brother Tyrone Richardson, Organist



Order of Service

INVOCATION.....Reverend Shabaka

OPENING HYMN.....IN THE GARDEN

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT - PSALM 91

NEW TESTAMENT - JOHN 14:1-3

PRAYER COMFORT..... Reverend Adams

REMARKS

REFLECTIONS

TRIBUTEAza Coleman

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.. Deacon Jackie Hooper

OBITUARY.....Robin Herbert

HYMN..... I'M A SOLDIER

EULOGY..... Pastor Anthony Lowe

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

Obituary

Bessie Elizabeth Coleman or “Beck” to those more familiar with her, was born August 9th, 1946 to Russell and Hattie Coleman. She was the youngest of five children. There was Barbara Joanne Coleman (Bobbi); she was the oldest, then, Russell Jesse Coleman; then, Benjamin Franklin Coleman; and last, Rueben Eugene Coleman. As a pastor’s daughter, her faith was bred into her and carried her through hardships and happiness.

Bessie was baptized by her father, who was a sanctified preacher in Union, South Carolina. Bessie worked for thirty + years as a housekeeper and retired due to failing health. She was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church for thirty years and sang in the Gospel Chorus and the Mass Choir. She had a loving and giving heart and a laugh that would make people join in. She loved elephants and dolphins. Bessie also loved crime shows and westerns. You better wait for a commercial before you talked to her, don’t interrupt her when she is watching her shows.

Her favorite scripture was **Matthew Chapter 25 Verse 21** *“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”*

Bessie Elizabeth Coleman fought diabetes and kidney disease for eighteen years until the Lord said her fight was over on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022.

Bessie is survived by her daughter, Tabatha Coleman; son, Jermaine L. Coleman; granddaughter, Aza; grandson, Raven; sister-in-law, Sarah Coleman; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members, church family and friends.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now; I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've now found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, and I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift-up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now and He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Bessie E. Coleman wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the support, prayers, expressions of sympathy and acts of love and kindness during their time of bereavement.

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