

*In Loving Memory  
of*



*Ruthlyn U. Zacharie*  
*April 29, 1927 - July 13, 2022*

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

**VIEWING 10:00 - 11:00 AM • FUNERAL 11:00 AM**

**Community Baptist Church of Englewood**

**224 First Street • Englewood, New Jersey 07631**

***Rev. Dr. Lestor W. Taylor, Jr., Officiating***

# Obituary

**Ruthlyn Utris Zacharie** was born Ruthlyn Utris Callender on April 29, 1927, to Cecelia Jupiter Callender and William Callender. She was the sister of Clem, Sonny and Thelma. She was married to Rhy Verbot Zacharie; the **Mother** of Sheena, Deanna, Jacqueline, Jean, Frederick (Junior), Selwyn, Sharon, Patricia and Sherwin. The **Mother-in-law** of Kelvin, Pelham, Andrea, Ancil, and Tracey. The **Grandmother** of Dexter, Joanne, Brian, Jasmine, Natalie, Nicole, Onika and Odea, Ayana, Marlene, Kelvin, and Nathaniel, Ayana, and Njeri, Denzel, Devin, and Jasmine, Michael, Javonna, and Tirzah, Errol Jr., Rhesa, and Selena, Shavon, Tangier and Sherwin Jr. The **Great Grandmother** of Ashanti, Asher, and Lena, Kevin, Hakeem, Sasha, and Jeffrey, Jamalar, Rashad, Latrice, Robert Lee, Kadijah, Marcal, Nadia, and Nyra, Mia, Kiara, Kaden, Brooke, ZaCye, and soon-to-be Michael Jr. **Great-Great-Grandmother** of Timothy, Timara, Violet, Sage, Marlon, Rashad Jr., Kemet, Omari, and Kaelani, the **Aunt** to Janice, Frann, Stephan, Gratiano, and Stephanie, Tony, Amril, and many nieces and nephews and finally the **Best Friend** of Mrs. Norma Samuels and Ms. Gemma Watkins.

In addition to being a wife and our mother, mom was employed by CIDNY, where she worked as a Home Health Aide for over 25 years until her retirement in the late 1990's. Even before retirement, her primary focus was dedicated to caring for her children and grandchildren; those of us who benefitted from her devotion are beyond grateful and appreciative of her selfless acts of diligence, too innumerable to count.

Although she did not have the level of education afforded to her children, she was educated enough to provide us the tools that molded us into the outstanding men, women, husbands, wives, parents, grandparents, and great grandparents that we are today. In our hearts she graduated at the top of her class with honors, accolades, and recognition.

Today, we honor the Matriarch of our family not in death, but the life she lived.

Our mom was a prayerful mother who prayed day and night for the safety and well-being of her children; and those that remained close to her knew the benefits of her kindness and her generosity. She was caring and giving and expected nothing in return and was instrumental in turning a stressful situation into one of great resolve.

Mom's cooking was like no other; her pelau, stew chicken, okra and rice, callaloo, potato salad, oxtail, macaroni pie, bread, sweet bread and much more were unmatched and always sought by many. Thankfully, the women in our family were fortunate to inherit her skill and talent for cooking.

In her later senior and more carefree years she enjoyed life to the fullest at the many outings, barbecues, weddings and parties and did so well into her late eighties. Brooklyn was her stomping ground with two of her closest friends Mrs. Norma Samuels and Ms. Gemma Watkins. As a matter of fact, we referred to them as the Golden Girls.

Even before this day arrived, dementia robbed us of the mother we knew that was healthy and strong enough to still enjoy life. Mom was full of life, love, vitality, and she exuded an independence that did not go unnoticed. Her qualities were admirable.

Mom, you will forever be remembered, adored, and greatly missed. We love and honor you for as long as life permits. We give you the credit and the honor for imparting the many life lessons and values that we will treasure forever.

Love always, your children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	Organist
Processional .....	Clergy and Family
Invocation .....	Rev. Dr. Dominick Merrills
Greetings and Expression of Love...	Rev Dr. Lester W. Taylor Jr., Senior Pastor
Scripture Reading..... Psalm 90.....	Selwyn C. Zacharie
Soloist .....	Tyrell Bell
Scripture Reading..... 2 Cor 1:2-5 .....	Tirzah G Jean
Soloist .....	Tyrell Bell
Poem Ode to My Mother .....	Patricia F. Serrette
Reflections.....	Errol A. Morris, Jr.
Obituary .....	Sharon J. Jean
Soloist .....	Tyrell Bell
Eulogy .....	Rev. Dr. Lester W. Taylor
Benediction	
Recessional	

## Interment

George Washington Memorial Park  
234 Paramus Road  
Paramus, NJ 07652

# *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 or play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Oh, 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, 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, He set me free!*

## *Acknowledgement*

Our family would like to give a special thanks to everyone who has supported us in this time of our sadness and loss of our Matriarch. Thank you to everyone who prayed, called, texted, visited and those who showed their love in numerous ways.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Eternity Funeral Home as well as Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Lester W Taylor, Community Baptist Church of Englewood and its members.

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