

*Celebrating the Life*  
*of*



*Catherine Roberson*  
*Sims Lewis*

**Sunrise**  
**November 2, 1932**

**Sunset**  
**December 26, 2022**

**"His Lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."  
Matthew 25:21 NKJV**

**Service: Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 10:00 am**

**Heard A.M.E. Church**  
**310 East Eighth Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey**  
**Reverend Bruce Points, Sr., Pastor**  
**Reverend Naomi Myers, Officiating**

## *The Life and Legacy of Catherine Roberson Sims Lewis*

**Mrs. Catherine Roberson Sims Lewis**, daughter of the late Leroy Roberson and Fannie Neal Roberson, was born on November 2, 1932, in Durham, North Carolina. She departed this life on Monday, December 26, 2022, at the Winter Garden Nursing and Rehab Center in Winter Garden, Florida.

Catherine graduated from Hillside High School in Durham, North Carolina. She relocated to Linden, New Jersey in 1956, and was married to Joseph Napoleon Sims from 1956 through 1980 upon Joseph's passing. She later married James Lewis in 1990 through his passing in 2020. She retired as a Library Clerk at the Linden Public Library.

Catherine attended Heard AME Church for over 60 years and was a member of the Missionary Society, Pastor Aide Club, Flower Club, Usher Board, and the Naomi Sick and Shut-in Club.

Cat, as she was known, enjoyed life, beautiful and expensive luxuries, shopping, and traveling. She leaves her loved ones with memories of her love, exquisite style, full-bodied laughter, and many candid but comforting conversations. She spoke what was on her mind. She was willing to offer her help, support, and protection. Her independence made her the beautiful person we all loved.

Catherine was predeceased by sister, Mary Myers of Roselle, NJ and brothers, Leroy Roberson, Jr. of Louisville, KY, Clinton Roberson of Durham, NC and John Earl Roberson of Linden, NJ.

Left to cherish her memories are her three children, Jacqueline Adele Herndon of Philadelphia, PA, Vernell Sims Thomas of Winter Garden, FL and Dr. Clinton Sims, of Groveland, FL; two precious grandchildren, Tiara Thomas of Houston, TX and Aja Sims-Fletcher (Allen Fletcher) of Tuscaloosa, AL; her siblings, sister, Lorena McAllister of Morristown, NJ; sister, Louise Allen of Snellville, GA, sister, Lula Linder (John Linder) of Rockaway, NJ and brother, Alexander Roberson (Myrna) of Roselle, NJ. Plus a host of nieces and nephews and cousins.

Cat's dearest friend Louise Rock of Roselle and her "Angel" and Honorary Daughter Betty Chappo of Florida made this 6 year journey much easier for her, the connection between her NJ life and her Florida life.

# Order of Service

**Organ Prelude**

**Choir Selection**

**Scripture Reading** ..... *Aja-Sims Fletcher*

**Prayer** ..... *Reverend Naomi Myers*

**Acknowledgement of Condolences**

**Reading of the Obituary** ..... *Bevelyn Peterson*

**Selection** ..... *John Linder*

**Eulogy** ..... *Reverend Naomi Myers*

**Closing Remarks** ..... *Dr. Clinton Sims*

**Recessional**

*Interment*  
Rosehill Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

*Repast*

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to Heard A.M.E. Church where a repast will be served.

# *Miss Me But Let Me Go*

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room;  
Why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little, but not too long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared;  
Yes miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we must take,  
And each must go alone.  
It's all part of the Master's Plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to that friend we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds;  
**MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO!**

## *Pallbearers*

*Family and Friends of Catherie Lewis*

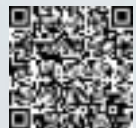
## *Acknowledgment*

The Family would like to thank all who cried with us, fed us, loved and hugged us. We love you for your kind words and prayers.  
Please continue to pray for us Love to you all.

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Services Entrusted To:

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