



Martha Mary Jane Collins

February 13, 1936 - January 22, 2012

Martha Mary Jane Collins, Affectionately known as “Mama Sarah”, the 8th child was born to spiritual and loving parents, Isaiah and S.E. Goldie Parker Gordy, in Parsonsburg, MD on February 13, 1936. All her siblings preceded her in death except for her sister and best friend, Hilda.

Since Martha was the youngest, she always hung around her older siblings and cousins; therefore she gained much wisdom and insight at an early age. Her family was musically talented in voice and instruments. She sang alto in the Church Choir. Watching her mother play the Organ gave her the desire to teach herself to play the piano at age 7. She was asked to play Church songs (by ear) in the old Tabernacle in Suffolk, VA in 1986.

Her love of God and the Church started at the tender age of 8. She joined the Church of God and Saints of Christ under the pastorate of Elder Wilmer Parker and was baptized with her brother, Daniel, sisters Hilda and Basheba and Cousins John, Ruth and Maybelline. This Baptism occurred on August 20, 1944 in Parsonsburg, Maryland and was performed by the late then Evangelist Jehu A. Crowdy, Sr.

Martha was educated at Glass Hill Elementary School in Parsonsburg, Md. And Salisbury Colored High School in Salisbury Md. She moved to Baltimore Md. In her teens with her Sister Elizabeth and her husband, Elder Robert

Tucker, and graduated from Cortez Peters Business School.

A young man by the name of Howard Collins caught her eye in the mid 1950's and he crooned his way into her heart. They were married by the late Elder Charles Johnson on June 15, 1958. From this union came Phoebe Rene and twin Martha Elizabeth and Anna Rochelle. Howard preceded her in death on December 20, 2008.

Martha started working in the school system as a Secretary at School # 32, Gilford Elementary in Baltimore, MD. Her administrative skills were continued at the Hyman Blumberg Day Care Center as a secretary. She was then requested by Rev. Samuel Daniels to be his secretary at Emmanuel Christian Community Church after there she retired from the State of Maryland Child Support Division as a Child Support Specialist.

Martha was always WORKING, always ASKING QUESTION, always DOING SOMETHING, always COOKING- COD FISH CAKES anyone? She was known as the Social Working of the Baltimore Tabernacle Extended. It didn't matter who you were or where you live, if you need her help, she was "Jackie of All Trades", her heart was pure as gold for she never wanted anyone to down another person, she found the GOOD in everyone.

The qualities Martha possessed were noticed by the late Bishop H.Z. Plummer, who appointed her to the office of "Mother Sarah" of the Daughters Auxiliary in the Baltimore Tabernacle in 1969. She held this position until she was made Emeritus in 2004 by Elder Charles Harris. The Love of the Church and the Daughters work # 1 in her life. She always had her mind on projects to help the church, always trying to motivate the daughters and the brethren to do the work set forth by Prophet. The daughters work continued to be her passion throughout her illness. She expressed to each daughter what to do for the growth of the Daughters Quorum. "Mama Sarah" was a mover and a

shaker. She could stir you up, pump you up and before you knew it you were hooked into saying, "I can do it", "I'm going to get the job done", "you can count on me".

Mama Sarah was a Designers Original. God made her especially for US. She had many sons and daughters in the Church and she loved each and every one of them. In her conversations with you she would say in her high pitched voice "What you say", "No you didn't", "You got to have a vision, without a vision the people perish", "The Daughters are the backbone of the Church". Can you hear her? "Thank You Grand Father".

In the 1980's the Daughters Quorum under Mother Sarah, Martha Collins' leadership sponsored a Women's Day Program and invited Oprah Winfrey to be the Guest Speaker. In 2011 Mama Sarah petitioned Jerilynn, Rachel, to create her own personal letter head so she could send a letter to Oprah to solicit funds for the daughters work. This was done from her hospital bed.

Martha was always teaching, always encouraging her grandchildren. She would tell them "Don't be on the dessert because the dessert has no water, no life, nothing; it's hot and dry. When you're out of focus you're on the dessert, so STAY OFF THE DESSERT", "STAY FOCUSED".

Not only was she an engaging ROCK to her family and church, she was an inspiration to her community and friends. Her cousin, Ruth admires her so that she quotes a poem today that Martha used to recite by Carrie Phoebe, "THEY DIDN'T THINK".

Her last family affair was at "headquarters"(an affectionate name she called her niece, Eunice's home), she later changed it to "Jerusalem", a home place for the saints. Here she expressed her last idea- to have a Family Reunion

and Sponsor a Chair Drive for the Tabernacle at the Church's headquarters in Suffolk, Va. She wrote letters and sent them to family members, did you receive yours?

Martha defied all odds before. Her Faith in God, her Confidence in her Leader, and Love for the Church and Daughters work brought her through. Then God saw her getting tired, her beloved husband called her to him and she peacefully crossed over on January 22, 2012 at 2:58 p.m.

“WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFULL SERVANT.....
ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD”.

She leaves those who love and cherish her memory: 3 daughters, Phoebe (Anthony), Martha (Stephon) and Anna; 6 grandchildren, Vincent, Brittany, Shekinah, Larie, Nasya, and Henson, Jr.; 1 sister, Hilda O. Byrd; 1 sister-in-law, Ruth Collins, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Crownsville Vt Cem

1080 Sunrise Beach Rd
Crownsville, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 26. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Tabernacle
1606 Ashland ave
balto., MD 21217

Wake

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

First Tabernacle
1606 Ashland ave
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Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Mary Jane Collins*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I miss my mother so much! She was a phenomenal woman ! She taught me how to be a strong woman and a good mother to my children...May you continue to rest in peace..*

*Love you,
Your daughter
Anna Rochelle*

Anna Coates - August 10, 2013 at 02:05 PM



“ *We love you and will always keep you in our hearts. Your kindness and giving was always there for all who needed it, and you always made the best apple pies. Love Brenda & Terri*



Terri Johnson - January 27, 2012 at 11:05 AM



“ *Estella Roberts lit a candle in memory of Martha Mary Jane Collins*



Estella Roberts - January 25, 2012 at 05:22 PM



“ *Jacqueline Facey-Ononaku lit a candle in memory of Martha Mary Jane Collins*



Jacqueline Facey-Ononaku - January 25, 2012 at 02:26 PM



“ *Crowdy187 lit a candle in memory of Martha Mary Jane Collins*



crowdy187 - January 25, 2012 at 02:25 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family of St. Martha Collins during this time of bereavement. St. Martha was a blessing and will be missed.....blessed are they that die in the Lord. Rest in peace St. Martha, your do follow you<3*

Sorrowfully submitted by the Facey Family

Jacqueline Facey-Ononaku - January 25, 2012 at 02:24 PM



“ To the family of the late Martha Collins, may you find peace in knowing that Martha is not dead but she is just sleeping and will rise again singing on Mount Zion with her sisters, brother and last but surely not least, her beloved Howard of 50 years. God doth all things well and when times get tough just remember to keep your hands in God unchanging hands for the scripture says blessed are the dead that die in the lord.

Peace
Elder Kerry L. McClure

Kerry - January 25, 2012 at 02:22 PM

SH

“ St. Minnie Hill lit a candle in memory of Martha Mary Jane Collins



St. Minnie Hill - January 25, 2012 at 01:37 PM

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St. Minnie Hill

St. Minnie Hill - January 25, 2012 at 01:38 PM

JP

“ John Parker lit a candle in memory of Martha Mary Jane Collins



John Parker - January 25, 2012 at 12:07 PM



“ Anna Coates lit a candle in memory of Martha Mary Jane Collins



Anna Coates - January 25, 2012 at 11:27 AM



“ We were all called together into one family; we share in your loss and pray that our heavenly Father continues to console the entire family. The bible offers a comforting assurance -- God cares, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints".

Elder Nelson C. Wilson

Elder Nelson C. Wilson - January 24, 2012 at 07:54 PM



I know that my mother is resting in the comfort of "The Almighty" I will always love her ,and her memory will live on in my heart.

Anna Coates - January 25, 2012 at 11:29 AM



“ Hoping it helps to know that others care and share your loss. My Deepest Sympathy

May these scriptures bring you comfort...Acts 24:15 - John 11:25 - Psalms 55:22 - John 5: 28, 29

M. Johnson - January 24, 2012 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”—ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your dead loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!

Ms Springer - January 24, 2012 at 02:52 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 23, 2012 at 06:23 PM

SP

On Behalf on St. Alice Patterson (who knew her very well), and the Potts Family...There are no words to fill the void but just know that God blessed St. Collins to touch so many lives. Thank you for sharing her with us and we are here for you!!!

St. Ginger Potts - January 24, 2012 at 12:33 PM



may her soul rest in eternal peace.

Elder Chipunza - January 24, 2012 at 11:43 PM

RH

In memory of our beloved Cousin Martha, the Selby-Gordy Family from Delmar, Salisbury and all over the United States sends our deepest sympathy to our Baltimore family. May you find comfort in knowing that Cousin Martha is resting with our Savior. We love you very much and pray for your strength at this difficult time. Rosemary Hudson & Family

Rosemary Gordy Hudson - January 25, 2012 at 09:42 PM

DJ

We the descendants of Minister Monroe R. Parker, Sr send our shared love and compassion to Saint Martha's precious and beloved family. We share in this loss, but, we abide in the fact that Yahweh was prepared a wonderful reunion for Saint Martha as she peacefully sleeps with our fathers, and especially Father Abraham. Monroe Jr, Fay, Earl, Agnes, Gene, Rosalie and Genesis.

Dr. Monroe R. Parker, Jr. - January 27, 2012 at 10:11 AM