



Hyacinth Roach

September 1, 1922 - March 23, 2025

Mrs. Hyacinth Lolita Roach (nee Clarke) was born September 1, 1922, in Montego Bay, Jamaica W.I. The family relocated to Kingston where she attended the Central Branch school and the Durham College of Commerce. She taught at the Mae Wright Private school in Alman Town, Kingston, for two years. Prior to relocating to the United States in 1965 she was employed as a Bookkeeper for the Brown Establishment in Kingston Jamaica.

Hyacinth married Canute Roach (deceased) in 1966 and settled in Somerset, NJ. She was employed by A.R. Winarick Cosmetics and then Personal Products, a Johnson and Johnson company, for 12 years. She retired from J & J in 1987. Mrs. Roach was a devoted member of the Premier Family Life Ministries for several years.

She was an intelligent, witty, strong, hardworking and compassionate woman. Mrs. Roach kept herself up to date on all current events and was never afraid to share her opinion on any given topic. She had a great sense of humor and a laugh that would illicit laughter from anyone around her. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She departed this life on March 23, 2025.

Mrs. Roach was predeceased by husband Canute, mother Leonella (Richardson) Philibert, stepfather Aubrey Philibert, father Roland Clarke, brother Archbishop Edgerton Clarke, who performed her wedding ceremony, daughter Althea Mitchell Cody, sons Donald Mitchell and Michael Excell, grandsons Jelani Parkins, Anthony Simmons and her special 1st cousin

Mildred Richardson.

She is survived by one remaining daughter, Doreen Parkins (Larry), daughter in law Paula Mitchell, grandchildren; Kareem Parkins, Gyasi Parkins (Sherlly), Najwa Parkins, Jabari Hill, Michelle Gilchrist (caregiver), Tashiba Excell, Kwesi Mitchell, Khary Mitchell, Kim Simmons, great grandchildren; Asha, Safiya, Tahir, Talya, Lyric, Hakim, Tiamber, Rainyn, Issa, Sage, Amir, Asani, Destinee, Jada, Katiana and Jacob, 1 great, great granddaughter, Leith and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, April 5, 2025, at the Triumphant Community Church, 160 Churchill Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873 followed by interment at Franklin Memorial Park, 1800 Rte. 27, North Brunswick, NJ. Repast was held at The Community Senior Center, 505 Demott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memorial Park

1800 NJ-27
North Brunswick Township, NJ 08902
(732) 545-4184

Previous Events

Church Service

APR 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Triumphant Community Church of Jesus Christ
160 Churchhill Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873



“ Condolence blessings to Family & Friends of Mother Hyacinth Roach:

The home going service for Mother Roach {on, 4/05/2025}~ was joyous and lovingly reserved as she was in life. Family and friends celebrated with great memories~with stories told of her love, humor and godly dedication toward her family, friends and church community. The songs & eulogy was 'Fire--Filled'.

I will fondly remember her motherly friendship toward me & my family ~ since meeting her in 1969 ~{via her daughter & my Sister~ Althea Marlene "Twiggy" Mitchell~Cody}: she was my Franklin High School' classmate, in New Jersey.

I am grateful for Mother Roach and family, adopting me into their loving circle as her god~daughter, god~sister to D. Patsy, god~mother to Jabari, god~aunt to Michelle & the Parkins' children+god-friend to Sons~Mikey, & Donald, R.I.P.

*Thank you. "One-love" *R.I.P. ~Mother Hyacinth L. Roach. Praise the Lord.*

Sincerely, Evangelist Lillie B. Foy ~ Somerset, NJ

Poem: My Best Friend's Departure:

*I jumped _ you caught me.
I laughed _ you joked.
I was down _ you picked me up.
I crumbled _ you glued me back together.
I loved you _ you loved me back.*

*You jumped _ I couldn't catch you.
You forgot to laugh _ I couldn't remind you.
You were down _ I couldn't hold you.
You crumbled _ I had no glue.*

You loved me _ I still loved you.

BUT,

*Without any warning or sign,
You ventured to a world divine.
I refused to say goodbye,
Yet, {Today} /tonight/ _ I cried.
My tears are for you, my friend,
But our legacy will not end.
For I shall see you soon,
But first, I {we} have more living to do.
I promise - I won't forget.
Your face is embedded in my heart.*

Also your Love, is forever. AMEN.

**** Original Author: Ms. Carina Spencer ****

Re: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ~(NKJV) reads:

Scripture verses:

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” ~Amen.

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Submitted By:Evangelist-LB Foy- 4/24/2025 ~[Not able to read on 4/05/25].

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“ *Patsy Larry and all the kids purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Hyacinth Roach.*



Patsy Larry and all the kids - April 03, 2025 at 08:22 PM