



## Waunona Mae Hillgrove (Cathey)

December 8, 1928 - October 11, 2018

Waunona Mae (Cathey) Hillgrove

Sunrise December 8, 1928. Sunset October 11, 2018. Waunona was born to the late Raymond and Elsie Cathey in Rutherford, NJ. Waunona graduated from the high school where she was a track athlete. She joined Mt. Ararat Baptist church, and has remained an active member, holding many titles. Deaconess Waunona was the only tenant of Speer Village 24 State St, apt 6F. Waunona worked in the Schwartz Company before becoming a homemaker. A spiritual mother to many, she remained active in her community by working at the Senior Center working the polls during election season, and being Assistant Director of the Passaic Cultural Center. Also organizer of the Foxy teens, Royals and Royalettes.

Waunona is preceded in death  
by her husband, William Hillgrove;

4 children, William, Donna, and Glen Hillgrove; and Cheryl McGriff;  
3 sisters, Winifred Tolbert, Rae Jayne Williams, and Kay Macon.

She is survived by,

1 son

Kevin Hillgrove

1 daughter

Darlene Hillgrove of Passaic

1 granddaughter/daughter

Darcel Watson of Paterson

1 brother

Keith Bratcher of Hackensack

10 grandchildren

Kirk, Cheryllynn, Jason, William, Eva, Jamal, Toussiant, Labelle, Glenn, and  
Jaya.

20 great grandchildren

4 great-great-grandchildren

2 brother- in- laws

Eugene (Hortice) Marshall of Hackensack

Edward (Ella) Jackson of Passaic

1 sister- in- law

Adele (Dennis) Henderson of Virginia Beach, VA

2 special nephews

Ricky Owens

Devin Macon

2 spiritual sons

Kirt Robinson

Tim White

Special friends

Barbara Daniels

Sandy G.

and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, and neighbors.

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