

## I Am 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 undone must stay that way  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish for 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 hearts and share with me,  
God wants me now, He set me free.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for your sincere expressions of sympathy,  
prayers, and support during our time of loss.

#### IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

Hannah always said she promised her mom and dad she would take care of her baby brother.  
In lieu of flowers, consider sending a care package to Nelson Coleman. Contact the family for details.

# Hannah Coleman Martin

*Celebration of Life*



08/10  
1946  
SUNRISE

03/19  
2023  
SUNSET

Officiating by  
Rev. Ida L. King  
Transformed and Commissioned to  
Glorify God Church

APRIL 08 2023

Thornton Funeral Home  
3439 Livingston Road | Indian Head, MD 20640



# Obituary

**Hannah Coleman Martin**, 76, of Brandywine, MD affectionately known as Peaches passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 19, 2023.

Hannah was born on August 10, 1946 to the late Bishop Genie J. and Lillie Bell Coleman in Harlem, NY. At 14, the family moved to Hopewell, NJ. She would often go back to Harlem to stay with her older sisters Delores, Harriet, Lillie Bell, and Martha and long-time sister-friend Johnnie Jean and brother Peter. She graduated from Princeton High School in 1964 and went on to study ministry at Christian College in Georgia.

In 1966, she married her high school sweetheart, Carl Martin, Sr. and moved to Santa Ana, CA. Together they enjoyed traveling, bike riding, roller blading and watching movies. Married for over 57 years, they were inseparable.

Hannah and Carl went on to have four children - Carl, Jr [Geraldine], Sonja [Warren], Andre [Shannon], and Kaylan [Chris]; 17 grandchildren [Carl, III, Maegan, Carlos, Cyle; Charisma, Brittany, Amanda, Desirea, Alexander; Andrea, Selena, Andre, Jr., Avery; Christopher, Jr, Kamille, Keira, and Kairi; and 9 great grandchildren. She leaves sisters Betty Richardson, Frieda Julian, brother Nelson Coleman, sister-in-law, Alberta Martin and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends to cherish her memory.

With the most beautiful smile, genuine and a joyous spirit, everything Hannah put her hand to flourished. She was a longtime Hospice volunteer, prayer warrior, a licensed beautician, bailiff, and retired as a loan professional from Andrews Federal Credit Union. Her bubbly phone voice was unmatched.

After retirement, Hannah enjoyed visiting family, listening to inspirational audiobooks, dancing, and calling loved ones often to check-in. No matter the conversation, she wanted you to know she was a Marine's wife, a Harlem Queen, and New York, New York was so great they named it twice.

Hannah brought life to every party, laughter to every situation, and love to every soul. Known for her charm and humor, she was quick to call her favorite people buzzard butt and to greet with a punch to the arm before coming in for a warm hug. Hannah was her own person without apology.



## Order Of Service

### GREETING AND PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING  
Old Testament | Isaiah 57:1-2  
New Testament | 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

SELECTION  
Remarks (2 min.) Family and Friends

OBITUARY READING

SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT

RECESSIONAL