

Pallbearers

Family Members and Friends

Flower Attendants

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“From Mom”

As I sit in Heaven and watch you everyday, I try to let you know with signs I never went away. I hear you when you're laughing and watch you as you sleep, I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep. I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home so I try to send you signs so you know you're not alone. Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me, Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see. So live your life laugh again, enjoy yourself be free, then I know with every breath you take, you'll be taking one for me.

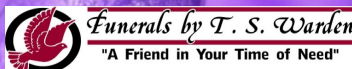
~I Love You All...

Acknowledgement

We sincerely give thanks to all of our family members and friends for all the cards, prayers, flowers, and other deeds of kindness and love shown during our sorrow. We especially thank the Church of the Crucifixion, and its Choir members, Epicurean II Social Club, American Cancer Society, Ribault Middle School Family, and the Carver International Community. May God protect and bless you all.

~ *The family of the late Begonia Gilliard Collier*

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In Loving Memory



Begonia Gilliard Collier

September 25, 1944 - February 12, 2016

Service

11:00 AM, Thursday, February 18, 2016

Church of the Crucifixion

3183 Edgewood Avenue West

Jacksonville, FL 32209

Rev. Bernardino Eikhuemelo, Celebrant

Obituary

Begonia Gilliard Collier was born on September 25, 1944 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. Begonia, affectionately called “Bea” by her family and friends was the oldest child to Mr. Lee Gilliard and Mrs. Beatrice Reid Gilliard. Begonia was a 1962 graduate of Northwestern High School where she was a majorette. She attended Xavier University and later graduated from Edward Waters College, where she received a Bachelor’s Degree in History.

Begonia married the late Ervin T. Collier, Sr. in August of 1965 and from this union three children were born; Traci, Robin, and Ervin, Jr.

Begonia was a faithful member of the Church of Crucifixion Catholic Church, where she was a member of the choir. She was a member of Epicurean II social club for over 30 years and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Begonia was an educator at Jean Ribault Middle School and retired from the Duval County Public School System in 2012, after 30 years of service. She also enjoyed reading, cooking, crafting, spending time with family, and traveling.

Begonia departed this life on Friday, February 12, 2016. She was preceded in death by her father, Lee Gilliard; husband, Ervin T. Collier, Sr.

Begonia is survived by her children, Traci Collier Spellers, Robin Collier Hill, and Ervin T. Collier, Jr. (Jennifer Beale-Collier); mother, Beatrice Gilliard; seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren; siblings, Jackie Rosier (Alcindor), Clara Stuart (Robert), Veronica Baker (Gregory), and Michael Gilliard; many loving nieces and nephews.



Order of Service

Entrance Hymn (BB #651)

“Enter the Journey”

First Reading Cheryl Winters

Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial Psalm (BB #464)

“Shepherd Me, O God”

2nd Reading Brenda Bass

2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-10

Gospel Acclamation: **“Praise to you, lord Jesus, king of endless glory!”**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; who ever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel **John 11:17-27**

Homily **Rev. Bernardine Eikhuemelo**

General Intercessions **Rev. Bernardine Eikhuemelo**

Presentation of Gifts **Grandchildren**

Offertory Hymn (BB #420)

“How Great Thou Art”

Communion Hymn (BB #359)

“I Am the Bread of Life”

Prayer after Communion

Reflections

Song of Farewell (BB #686)

Recessional Hymn (BB #432)

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Repast

Church of the Crucifixion Hogan’s Hall