



Cecelia Elizabeth Coaxum

July 22, 1925 - November 12, 2015

Cecilia Elizabeth Coaxum was born on July 22, 1925 to Arthur M. Cummings and Urania T. Cummings at San Francisco, California. Cecilia was the oldest of four siblings, Arthur Cummings, Ronald Eugene Cummings, and Rita Bobino.

Cecilia began life in San Francisco, California, and moved to Berkeley, CA as a young child where she attended school and graduated from Berkeley High School, in 1942. At the age of 18, she decided she wanted to venture out and see the world so she moved to the East Coast - New York/New Jersey. While in, Philadelphia, PA in 1943 she met her husband Kikah Coaxum. Born of this union was four children. She later returned to Berkeley, California in 1950 where she obtained an Associates Degree through College of Alameda in Dressmaking and Design, and spent over 50 years making use of her skills as a Seamstress and working within the Textile Industry - helping to build fighter planes for the WW. Widowed in 1985, Cecilia would continue to rear her children without remarrying.

Cecilia was a God-fearing , homemaker who valued education over all else. Cecilia, along with the Cummings family became members of McGee Avenue Baptist Church, Berkeley California, during the early 1930's. It was there that Cecilia developed a love for and accepted Christ.

Being an advent reader, with a large library of books with wide ranging subjects, she always advised, "Keep your mind up!" meaning one should always be reading and learning. She continued her education well into her 80's; taking many courses at UC Berkeley, from sign language to psychology.

Cecilia pursued many artistic endeavors. Most notable of all was her love for the piano. Cecilia began playing at a young age and was recognized as child prodigy and went on to play at such venues as Apollo Theater in NYC and locally. Even as an elder, she would visit, provide words of encouragement and entertain those at the Senior Center and in convalescent homes with her piano playing. She even participated in a talent show at Sweet Jimmie's while in her 70's.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center
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Service

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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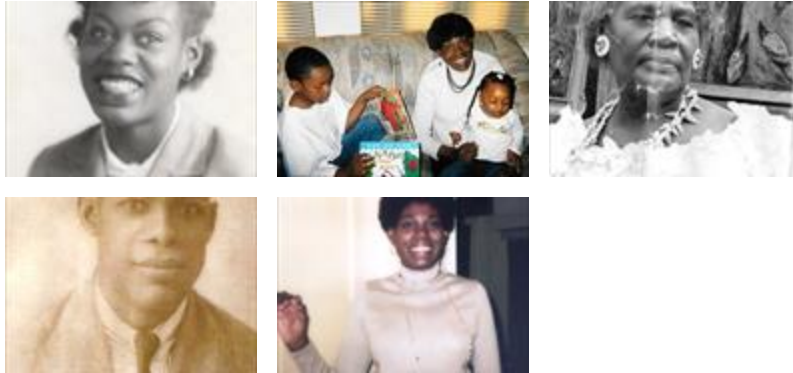
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Coaxum and Jenkins Family/Nieces and Nephews, Winston-Salem - November 19, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cecelia Elizabeth Coaxum.



November 19, 2015 at 11:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecelia Elizabeth Coaxum.*



November 19, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cecelia Elizabeth Coaxum.*



November 18, 2015 at 03:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecelia Elizabeth Coaxum.*



November 18, 2015 at 03:20 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecelia Elizabeth Coaxum.*



November 18, 2015 at 03:19 PM