

*Back Together Again.....*

# *Celebrating the Life of*



## *Mary A. Royster*

*July 6, 1938 – January 25, 2017*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have  
everlasting life. John 3:16*

*Very Special Thanks to:*

*Rev. & Mrs. Edward Williamson and the Bethel Family.*

*We would also like to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers &  
condolences and your kind expressions of sympathy. It is deeply appreciated  
and will always be remembered!*

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One Fisher Court  
White Plains, New York*

*Officiating - Dr. Edward O. Williamson*

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*Interment*

*Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York*



## Obituary

Mary A. Royster born on July 6, 1938, to the late Sarah and Elias Dungie in White Plains, NY, departed this life on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at Westchester County Medical Center in Valhalla, NY.

Mary married the late William Royster, Sr., and together they raised nine children. Mary united with Bethel Baptist Church over 65 years ago, under the Pastorate of Rev. Thomas H. Slater. Mary sang with the Bethels choirs, was on the Usher Board, worked with the Senior and Sunday School Ministries. She also attended the Central Hudson Baptist Association. Mary was a Member of the Rosebud Temple # 297. An avid Bowler, and was very well known and loved in the Community. She was employed at the Hawthorne Quality Inn for 36 years before she retired in 1998.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory, two Brothers, Wille B. Colter, of Orangeburg, SC, and Elias Dungie (Ruth), of Mount Vernon, NY. 2 Sisters, Estelle Thomas (Jimmy), of Bronx, NY and Elton Love of Lithonia, GA, 2 Brother-in-Laws, Harold Royster Sr. (Joan), of Croton, NY and Henry Royster of Greenburgh, NY. One Sister-in-Law, Lille Mae Colter of Orangeburg, SC. Her children, Lisa Reynolds (Donald), Adrianna Royster, Darrell Royster, Richard Royster, Sr. (Jacqueline), Tammie Wall (Fred), Pamela Earl, all of Greenburgh, NY. Sheryl Royster of Elmsford, NY, Dietra Beechum, (Lonnell Sr.) of Peekskill, NY and Rene Anderson of NYC. Step Daughter, Kandi Royster of Greenburgh, NY and Daughter-in-Law, Heike Royster of Germany. There are also grand and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Mary also leaves to mourn, her longtime companion, Mr. David (Dennis) Cathyn of White Plains, NY, her cousin Marie Roberts of Greenburgh, NY, her very dear friends, Barbara High, Carole Tolbert, Dorothea Creacy and Joyce Wilson Holland.

Mary is predeceased by her beloved, identical twin sister, Martha Murray Sutton of Ossining NY, two Brothers, Julius Colter, Jessie Tyler Colter (Felicia), a sister Julia Colter (twin to Julius) of Orangeburg SC, Father-in-Law Willie Floyd Royster, Mother-in-Law, Bessie Royster, both of Greenburgh, NY. Two Sons, William Royster Jr. of Germany, and Joseph Royster, of White Plains, NY. Brother-in-Laws, Eugene Sutton of Ossining, NY, Roy Royster of Mount Vernon, NY, James Royster of Greenburgh, NY, LaVon Love of Lithonia GA, Sister-in-Laws, Bertha Mae Boyd (Johnnie Lee, Sr.) of Greenburgh, NY, Clorine Colter, of Orangeburg, SC, and Lula Mae Royster of Mount Vernon, NY., her grandson Richard Allen Royster, Jr. of Ossining, NY and her niece Sherri Dungie of Ossining, NY.

## Order of Service

Organ Prelude .....	Tommy Moore
Congregational Hymn .....	Randi Cannon
Old Testament.....	Rev. Gary L. Colter, Sr. Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church
New Testament.....	Deacon Kendall Murray McFarlane
Prayer of Comfort .....	Bishop Wilbert Preston Christ Temple Church
Musical Selection.....	Pastor Erastus H. Godfrey
Acknowledgements .....	Barbara Andralliski Bethel Church Secretary
Obituary.....	Dietra Beechum
Musical Selection.....	Bethel Baptist Choir
Tribute .....	Richard Royster
Musical Selection.....	Dawn & Lester Cousins
Eulogy .....	Dr. Edward O. Williamson
Recessional.....	