



## Cora Mae Ashley

December 19, 1917 - December 11, 2018

On December 11, 2018, God looked down at his earthly garden and plucked out one of this beautiful roses.

Cora Mae Sayles Ashley, widower of Jerry Ashley, was born on December 19, 1917 to the late Lewis and Emma Sayles in Caroline County, Virginia. She moved to New Haven, Connecticut in 1954.

Cora worked for the Visiting Nurse Association as a Homemaker/Home Health Aid for many years until she retired. She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy for over 40 years. She was also a member of the American Legion Post 108, the V.F.W. of Hamden, and the President of the Royalettes Social Club.

She lived a long happy life with no regrets. She had unconditional love for her family, friends, and all the little children. She had a heart of gold. Cora was the kind of woman who didn't like to see anyone go without. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. As an example, she helped raise her Goddaughter (Cathy Strother) as if she was her own daughter.

Cora had many joys in life: She loved gospel music, church and attending the Gospel Quartet singing programs. She was big on traveling and taking long trips with her family and playing bingo with here close friends. Her favorite TV

shows were General Hospital, Judge Judy, The Game Show Network, Monday Night Raw Wrestling and the Sports Channel. She loved her sports and was a New York Giants Fan.

To honor her legacy she leaves behind three goddaughters: Cathy Strother (Danny) and Charona Lewis who both reside in New Haven CT, and Lois Jones of Georgia, as well as her nieces, Dorothy Hayes of Washington, DC., Elouise Cody of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Shirley and Dorisa Sayles both of Maryland; Rose Davis of West Virginia, Vergie Strother and Regina Berryman both of New Haven, CT; and her niece-in-law, Priscilla Washington of New Haven, CT; her nephew, Michael Burrus of New Haven, CT; and her special friends, Deloris Paul, Gladys Adams; Daisy Carolina, Sam Mack, Miss Sis and Patricia Blue who was like a sister to her; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her father Lewis Sayles and mother Emma Sayles as well as her six sisters and six brothers.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Morning Star Church  
125 Dixwell Avenue  
New Haven, CT CT

## Funeral Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Morning Star Church  
125 Dixwell Avenue  
New Haven, CT CT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cora Mae Ashley*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *For much of their young lives in Mayfield, Fredericksburg, VA, my mother, Frances Williams Johnson, and Ms Cora were beloved friends. Now they both have been blessed with eternal life. What a gift they were to one another. I am thankful for the bond they shared in those early years and throughout my mother's life. Ms Cora was blessed with longevity and was keen of mind and spirit. My condolences to the family. Hers is the better place.*  
*Julia Johnson & family*

**JD Johnson** - April 29, 2019 at 08:06 AM



“ *Jordan lit a candle in memory of Cora Mae Ashley*



**Jordan** - January 11, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Cathy Strother lit a candle in memory of Cora Mae Ashley*



**Cathy strother** - January 02, 2019 at 03:53 PM

JS

“ Aunt Cora you will truly be missed you lived your life for 100 yrs and the love for us is unconstitutional Fly High

Jordan Strother - December 29, 2018 at 12:32 PM

EY

“ Elizabeth Yarbrough lit a candle in memory of Cora Mae Ashley



Elizabeth Yarbrough - December 22, 2018 at 05:06 PM

CW

“ To the family  
May God give you comfort and strength as we lay to rest our dear beloved aunt. Let's remember to love and wisdom she has given us throughout the years.  
Cheryl Williams

Cheryl Williams - December 21, 2018 at 08:21 AM

HP

“ Mrs Cora,going miss those homemade biscuits and you going to play bingo with your friends Now you have earned your wings rest in peace



Helen C Powell - December 20, 2018 at 10:27 PM

BM

“ *Berlinda Mack lit a candle in memory of Cora Mae Ashley*



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**Berlinda Mack** - December 20, 2018 at 06:03 PM

BM

“ *Praying for the family and friends of Mrs. Cora. We have very fond memories of Mrs. Cora when we lived in Connecticut. She was a very dear friend of my brother, Sam Mack and my sister, Deloris Paul.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Wallace & Berlinda Mack*

*Wallace & Berlinda Mack- South Carolina*

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**Berlinda Mack** - December 20, 2018 at 05:59 PM

BM

“ *Praying for the family and friends of Mrs. Cora. We have very fond memories of her when we lived in Connecticut. We was a very dear friend of Sam Mack and Deloris Paul.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Wallace & Berlinda Mack- South Carolina*

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**Berlinda Mack** - December 20, 2018 at 05:52 PM

MC

“ *Maria Coardes lit a candle in memory of Cora Mae Ashley*



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**Maria Coardes** - December 20, 2018 at 02:01 PM