



## Margie L. Downing

November 20, 1944 - September 29, 2016

Trustee Margie Downing was born in Chesterfield, South Carolina on November 20, 1944 to the late James T. Ratliff and Mother Juanita Myers Ratliff. To this union were born twelve (12) children; Margie was the eldest of the twelve.

Margie was married to the late Franklin Roosevelt Downing, Sr. for forty-four years until his death on December 10, 2006. From that union five boys were born, which yielded fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Margie was a resident of New Haven, Connecticut. She graduated from James Hillhouse High School. She worked at Bradley Coat Factory, Southern New England Telephone Company for twenty-seven years until retirement and resumed employment at Marlin Firearms as an Accounts Payable Clerk for twelve years until it closed. She was an avid attendee of Gateway Community College, where she took piano lessons and keyboarding classes.

Margie has been a lifelong active member of Faith Baptist Church of West Haven, Inc. a/k/a Faith Missionary Baptist Church in West Haven, CT. In her years at Faith she was a faithful Usher, who held positions as the secretary and treasurer and later in her life she became the President of the Usher Board. She was also the assistant secretary of the New Haven Ushers Unit. She was a member of the Trustee Board Ministry, Flower Club, Missionary

Society, a Bible Scholar, and she attended the Young Baptist Training Unit (YBTU). She was also the President of the Pastor's Aide Ministry for many years.

Margie leaves to mourn five sons: Franklin Roosevelt, Jr. (Woodrina), Kevin, Gregory, Michael and Joseph Downing; fifteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nine sisters; Rev Margaret Glover (late James), Elder Mae Jordan (late Parnell), Nina Williams, Cheryl Thompson (Tony), Denise LaBoone (Jimmy), Vera Ratliff, Geraldine Sonia (Jerome), Patricia Weaver (late Lenny), Sylvia Hagans and two brothers: James "Rat" C. Ratliff (late Bonnie) and Deacon Jesse James Ratliff (Yolanda); two Sisters-In-Law and four Brothers-In-Law; and a God-daughter, Wanda Crudup. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, her best friend Beatrice Pitter, her Church family and other friends. She was predeceased by three sisters-in-law, seven brothers-in-law and her Mother and Father-In-Law (Lola & John Frank Downing).

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

## Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Margie L. Downing*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *rest in peace!!!! deepest sympathy*

*Angelina V. Selph*



**Angelina** - October 08, 2016 at 09:29 PM



“ *Dung Le lit a candle in memory of Margie L. Downing*



**Dung Le** - October 06, 2016 at 09:36 PM

DL

“ *It is with great sadness for me to learn about the passing of your mom, Joseph!*

*Please know how much your mom felt your love and devotion through out the years you have been caring for her. She loved you so and expressed such joy and gladness to have recieved all of her loved ones during the recognition and honor of her Usher years achievement at the party celebration earlier this year. She felt humble, honored and loved by all who were present that day. And she was so happy the last time I saw her.*

*I will always remember your mom, her beautiful smile and most of all her love of God, family, and humanity.*

*I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

*Respectfully,*

*Dung Le, RDH  
Margie's Dental Hygienist*

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**Dung Le** - October 06, 2016 at 09:34 PM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of your Beloved Margie. I will always remember her smile and her concern for others, even when she was on her own journey. May God continue to Bless and Strengthen you during this difficult time.*

*Lovingly,  
Mildred Cannon*

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**Mildred Cannon** - October 04, 2016 at 05:04 PM

SO

“ Spring 02 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Margie L. Downing .



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**Spring 02** - October 04, 2016 at 01:17 PM

PG

“ Pastor Martha Green lit a candle in memory of Margie L. Downing



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**Pastor Martha Green** - October 04, 2016 at 11:53 AM

PG

*Pastor Martha Green and St. Mary Church Family are praying for you, Sister Nina Williams, and your entire family. We are witnesses to the fact, that God will see you through this time of sorrow, and for sure, Joy will come in the morning !!!!!*

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**Pastor Martha Green** - October 04, 2016 at 11:59 AM

JE

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family during this dark time. I wish the whole family nothing but comfort and strength. Rest in peace Margie.

*Sincerely,*

*Jenny Bermeo  
NWNH*

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**Jenny** - October 04, 2016 at 11:02 AM

CI

“ *Sylvia and Latrese,  
I am sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you  
during this time of sadness.  
Clara Izaguirre.*

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**Clara Izaguirre** - October 04, 2016 at 10:24 AM

GS

“ *My sister and Margie worked together at the phone company and  
that is how I met Margie. Her smile always greeted me when we  
met on the street or at church. I am sadden to hear of her passing,  
but one thing I believe and that is what the Bible says, for us who  
love the Lord, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the  
Lord". Love to the family and may the Peace of God be with you all.*

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**Gloria Sampson** - October 03, 2016 at 04:12 PM

MC

“ *It was always a pleasure seeing and talking with Margie. I will miss  
her so much.*

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**Mary conyers** - October 01, 2016 at 05:50 PM

EH

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family for the loss of your loved one.*

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**E Holmes** - October 01, 2016 at 12:45 PM

OH

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family for the loss of your dearly  
loved one.*

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**O Holmes** - October 01, 2016 at 12:41 PM

JS

*With heartfelt condolences to your family on the loss of your loved one  
may God give you strength...*

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**Juanita Singleton** - October 09, 2016 at 07:53 PM