

# *My Mother, My Heart*

## *Mother*

- M* - She made me the woman I am today
- O* - She was very optimistic
- T* - Talking junk, yeah that 's my mama
- H* - She had a beautiful heart for the world
- E* - Every person she came across she touched their heart
- R* - Really gets her point across no matter what

## *Heart*

- H* - Hell raiser, nope she didn't take no mess
- E* - Everlasting love for family
- A* - Apple of everyone's eye
- R* - Always ready to take on anything
- T* - Tells you where you can go and how you can get there



# *Only One Mother*

*You can only have one mother*

*Patient kind and true;*

*No other friend in all the world,*

*Will be the same to you.*

*When other friends forsake you,*

*To mother you will return,*

*For all her loving kindness,*

*She asks nothing in return.*

## *Acknowledgments*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair,  
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much what-  
ever your part.*

*Respectfully submitted, the family of Marjorie E. Gaines*



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## Obituary

Marjorie Ellen Gaines (nee Cheatham), of Rahway, NJ, formerly of Jersey City, NJ, passed on October 25, 2011, at home, after long fought battle with lung cancer.

Marjorie was the second of three children, born to the late Thomas and Marjorie Cheatham. She was educated in the Jersey City school system, and later received her beautician's licenses from Wilfred Academy.

Up until her diagnosis in August of 2010, Marjorie worked for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, a job she talked about returning to. Prior to working for the Turnpike, Marjorie worked for Hudson County Jail in the kitchen, a place where she loved to cook a dish of any kind.

Cooking was her passion, and just recently, she talked about how she couldn't wait for Thanksgiving to make her 10 famous sweet potato pies.

Marjorie had a big heart; she befriended everyone, and she would give her very last to anyone, even if it meant she was left with nothing. Her smile was so bright it lighten any room she entered.

Outside of work, Marjorie enjoyed her favorite roles of being mommy, nana and nan ne. She would go to amusement parks and ride the roller coasters, roller skate in Branch Brook Park ,and hang strong in Atlantic City at the three card poker table. On the weekends, before she went anywhere, she would listen to her old songs, especially the ones by Jackie Wilson and Marvin Gaye.

In her final days, Marjorie endured much pain, but nothing and no one could stop her from being with her loved ones. Marjorie was fearless, and lived her life by her rules, the way she wanted to, up to her last breath, when her body gave up but her spirit did not.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Plaze, father, Thomas "Jackie" Cheatham, mother, Marjorie Cheatham, and brothers, Thomas and Alfred Cheatham.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Thomas (Vanessa), Isaac (Denise), Dana, Marjorie (Joseph) Jordan, Fulanda, Melody ,and stepson, Plaze Meadows; 25 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; aunt, Betty Cheatham; sisters-in-law, Corrine Cheatham-Brown, Beatrice Turner(George), Amy Debose, Antoinette Higgins, Maxine Meadows and Sylvia Meadows; one niece, Shanta Thompson; one nephew, Alfred Cheatham; 3 godchildren, Thomas and Sharonda Murriell, and Kimberly Debose, and a special friend, Billy Holmes. Although Marjorie had six children, she was a mother figure to many, as well as a sister and beloved friend.



## Order of Service

**Processional**  
*Father Can You Hear Me*

**Invocation**

**"Prayer"**

**Opening Song**  
Thomas Murrell  
*"I come to the garden alone"*

**Scriptures**

**Prayer of Comfort**

**Poems**  
Tonya Holmes

**Solo**  
Thomas Murrell  
*"His eye is on the sparrow"*

**Obituary**

**Prayer**

**Solo**  
Rhudy Shelling  
*"Wind Beneath My Wings"*

**Eulogy**

**Final Viewing**

**Recessional**  
*Walk around heaven all day*