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8142-58 SOUTH EXCHANGE AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617  
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## Obituary

On June 2, 1945, a rose was plucked from the rose garden of God by Beatrice Singleton. This rose, Regina Singleton (Hillman Durr) touched many lives with love and comforting efforts. She grew up in a Christian home learning to trust God thus endearing her to go forth teaching others that "God Is." She entered a love affair with the Master and became a member of Metropolitan M.B. Church.

Her educational status began in the Chicago Public School System attending and graduating from Yale Elementary School and Parker High School. She continued her educational status receiving a Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern University Center for Inner City Studies.

Reverend Regina Hillman Durr accepted her call to the ministry and received her ordination in the ministry at True Zion Spiritual Church in 1984 and served until she opened the doors of hope by forming the Center of Hope Ministry for the Chosen.

She had a great love for people and devoted her skills, talent and love to all people she met. She worked in capacities where she could offer and give aid to people such as the State of Illinois Mental Health Department and Monroe Pavilion.

On Monday, January 26, 1998, Regina left her earthly home to go to her new home.

Regina Hillman-Durr leaves to cherish her memory, cousins, Joseph Scott, and Versie Atlas; very devoted friends, Reverend Mary Johnson and her children: Tinnicia Johnson, Otis Johnson, Daphane Henry, Sherrod Johnson, Traza, Octavius, Gia, Victoria, J.T., Shymiah and Dawnyelle; membership of the Center of Hope Ministry for the Chosen.

## Order of Service

|                                    |  |
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| ORGAN PRELUDE . . . . .            | ELDER TIMOTHY W. WHITEHEAD                                 |
| PROCESSIONAL . . . . .             |  |
| SCRIPTURE . . . . .                | DR. SANDRA P. KING   |
| OLD TESTAMENT                      |  |
| NEW TESTAMENT                      |  |
| PRAYER . . . . .                   | PASTOR EVELYN ATWOOD                                       |
| SELECTION . . . . .                | CENTER OF HOPE CHOIR                                       |
| SOLO . . . . .                     | GIA HENRY  |
| OBITUARY . . . . .                 |  |
| RESOLUTION . . . . .               |  |
| SOLO . . . . .                     | ELDER JEFFERY EDWARDS                                      |
| ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS . . . . . |  |
| AND TELEGRAMS                      |  |
| SOLO . . . . .                     | PASTOR DAISY WILLIAMS                                      |
| SPECIAL REMARKS . . . . .          | DR. MARY ROSSER<br>PASTOR BILLIE JONES<br>PASTOR JEEN DADE |
| SOLO . . . . .                     | REVEREND LAWRENCE CROSS                                    |
| REMARKS . . . . .                  | 2 MINUTES . . . . . MINISTER                               |
| SELECTION . . . . .                | COMBINE CHOIR'S  |
| EULOGY . . . . .                   | PASTOR PAT SMITH   |
| BLESSING . . . . .                 | DR. MARY ROSSER  |
| BENEDICTION . . . . .              | PASTOR PAT SMITH   |
| RECESSIONAL . . . . .              |  |



## My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.  
Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.  
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best,  
Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not do less.  
Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do.  
I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due.  
Please don't give flowers, or talk in harsh tones.  
Don't be concerned about me now,  
I'm well with God, I've made it home.  
Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done  
Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won.  
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint,  
I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint,  
Not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark.  
In fact, don't put me down on canvass paint me in your heart.  
Don't just remember all the good times, but remember all the bad,  
For life is full of many things some happy and some sad.  
But if you must do something, then I have one last request,  
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left.  
Thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for all who loved me,  
Praise God who loved me best.

Submitted by  
Reverend Mary Johnson  
and Family

## A Celebration of Life

for

Pastor Regina S. Hillman Durr

June 2, 1945

January 26, 1998

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1998

WAKE 6:00 P.M.

SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

McKENZIE MISSION CHURCH

2415 EAST 75TH STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

BISHOP BERNARD McKENZIE, PASTOR

### Interment

LINCOLN CEMETERY

12300 KEDZIE AVENUE

BLUE ISLAND, ISLAND

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998

LEAVING FROM CHURCH AT 10:00 A.M.

### Repast

LOWER LEVEL OF CHURCH



### Only God Knows Why

God saw that you were getting weaker  
So He did what He thought best,  
He came and stood beside you  
and whispered, "Come and Rest."  
We could not understand, no matter how hard we tried,  
If love alone could save you,  
You never never would have died.  
You wished no one a last farewell,  
You did not even say good-bye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
and only God knows why.  
Sleep on, dear one, take your rest,  
For we all loved you, but God loved you best.

*Submitted by  
Center of Hope Ministries*



### Ballbearers

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| DEACON WILL RILEY | OTIS JOHNSON    |
| WILL RILEY, JR.   | WILLIE ROBINSON |
| CHARLES RILEY     | ZACH COOPER     |
| JAMEL CARVER      |                 |



### Words of Inspiration

But seek ye first the kingdom of God  
His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.  
*Matthew 6:33*



### Acknowledgment

The family wish to thank all who have showed kindness and sympathy through words and deeds during their hour of bereavment.