

## Brief Sketch of Life



**ALETRA E. HAMPTON**, the daughter of Clarke and Laura Hampton, was born October 8, 1915 in Middletown, Ohio. **Aletra**, part of a large family of twelve, was taught by Mr. Hampton to play the Italian Harp and finally the piano, which she played until last year at the age of 91. Her love was entertaining many followers of rhythm, blues, and jazz.

**ALETRA** was also the lead singer in the Hampton Sisters Musical Group. **Aletra**, musical talent (by ear), merited awards from various recognizers of her way of upholding "The Position of Head", passed on from her father to her eldest brother, Duke Hampton, and finally resting on her. **Aletra's** voice could not be missed in a large crowd of singers and could enter into your heart and soul giving you a sense of joy and passion for music. The Hampton Sisters played together for many years. Their awards and honors include the entire family being honored by former Governor Bayh of Indiana, honorary doctorates from the University of Indianapolis and the Nuvo Award for High Achievement, and many others.

**ALETRA** leaves her family to praise and cherish her memories and to involve children in their adventure of self expression, to recall her advice and saying "get them to music." Family members include her children, Halo Bouquett (George Dawson), Paula "Stix" Hampton and Paul (Julia) Kerley; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; three siblings, Maceo (Phoebe), Locksley "Slide" and Dawn.

Her journey here on earth was concluded on November 12, 2007 and her new address is:

Angel Aletra  
Route 66  
Heaven Way Lane

## Order Of Celebration

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| PIANO PRELUDE.....            | <i>Melvin Rhyne</i>  |
| INTRODUCTION and WELCOME..... | <i>James D. Dixon, III</i><br><i>Funeral Director, Crown Hill Funeral Home</i> |
| SCRIPTURE.....Psalm 23.....   | <i>Danielle Bouquett</i>   |
| PRAYER.....                   | <i>Vernon Hargrove</i>   |
| SELECTION.....                | <i>Charisse Hampton Moses</i><br><i>Grandchildren Group Song</i>               |
| ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.....          | <i>James D. Dixon, III</i><br><i>Funeral Director</i>                          |
| OBITUARY (read silently)..... | <i>Soft Music</i>  |
| SELECTION.....                | <i>Regina Rhyne</i>  |
| REMARKS.....                  | <i>Abner Washington</i><br><i>Other Visiting Ministers</i>                     |
| SELECTION.....                | <i>Mr. Everett Greene</i>  |
| WORDS OF COMFORT.....         | <i>Maceo D. Hampton</i>  |
| MEMORIAL VIEWING.....         | <i>Crown Hill Funeral Home</i>   |
| CLOSING PRAYER.....           | <i>Maceo D. Hampton</i>  |
| COMMITTAL.....                | <i>Minister</i>  |
| BENEDICTION.....              | <i>Minister</i>  |

## Acknowledgments

The family of **ALETRA E. HAMPTON-KERLEY** wish to acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the many comforting words, prayers, flowers, and all other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and in deed.

*Honorary Casket Bearer*

Melvin Rhyne  
Mingo Jones

Charlie Wile  
Dick Dickerson  
Paul C. Kerley

Thomas D. Whitted  
William Penick

*For the song is ended, but the Melody Lingers on...*

*I've done my work  
I've sung my song  
I've done some good  
I've done some wrong  
And I shall go, where I belong*

*The Lord has willed it so.*

*He knows my heart  
And He knows best  
He will not harm  
Where He has blessed  
And so goodnight  
"Aletra" take your rest*

*The Lord has willed it so.*



**Aletra E. Hampton-Kerley**  
**November 12, 2007**

**CROWN HILL FUNERAL HOME**

700 West 38th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

**(317)925-3800**

Funeral Dir. & Manager: Cynthia Whisler  
Assistant Managing Funeral Director: Leon R. Walker  
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Funeral Director's Assistant: Cameron Sharp



*In Loving Memory of Our Beloved*

**ALETRA ELIZABETH  
HAMPTON-KERLEY**

*October 8, 1915 - November 12, 2007*



**Saturday, November 17, 2007**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**CROWN HILL FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**

**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**Maceo D. Hampton, Officiating**

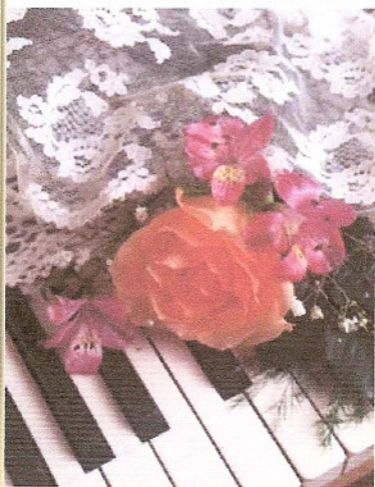
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*Date of Birth*  
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*Date of Death*  
**November 12, 2007  
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*Celebration of Life Services*  
**1:00 p.m. Saturday  
November 17, 2007  
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*Officiating*  
**Maceo D. Hampton**

*Interment*  
**Crown Hill Cemetery**

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