

*Until We Meet Again*

In Loving Memory of  
**Gyreain “Irene” Privette**

**Sunrise**

*February 27, 1919*

**Sunset**

*September 7, 2010*



*Saturday, September 11, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.*

**Union Baptist Church**

240 West 145th Street • New York, New York 10030

*Rev. Dr. Betty A. Spencer, Officiating*

# Gyreain Privette

## Answered The Call

**Gyreain Privette**, known to us as Irene, was the daughter of Lizzie Hill and James McKinnon. She was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on February 27, 1919. Of this union, Irene had three sisters, Corinne, Thelma and Vera and two brothers, David Lee and James (better known as “Big Boy”).

Irene met her husband, James Privette, in high school, where he was a member of the Flying Clouds of Joy Choir. In the late 1930’s, they traveled to New York and were married. To this union, one child named Letricia Joyce was born July 13th, 1944 and passed away in 1966. In 1938, she joined the Eigen family and has been a loving member ever since.

Irene and James joined the Union Baptist Church in 1945, where she was an active member. Irene created the Letricia Privette Scholarship Fund of Union Baptist Church in memory of her daughter in which she served as chairperson of the scholarship committee for many years. She was also a long standing member and President for many years of the Hattie Hutchins Missionary Ministry. Irene was an active member of the North Carolina Missionary Ministry, Auxiliary Ushers’ Ministry and Joint Ushers’ Ministry.

Irene lived at 343 St. Nicholas Avenue and served as the President of the Tenants Association for the building for more than twenty-five years and worked as a public advocate who staged street protests and demonstrations for better living conditions in her building.

Irene was a loved and well known leader in her family and community. She quietly provided help for so many with births, deaths, education and important occasions. More importantly, she gave love and advice to so many nieces, nephews and godchildren. She remained a loved one to Letricia’s friends. Mother’s Day at Irene’s was always overly busy with calls, cards, flowers and visitors showing their appreciation for who she was.

Irene spent seventy-one years as a member of the Eigen-Sarna family. The love, care and advice she provided was extraordinary.

Irene rarely indulged herself. However, Irene was always a proud, beautifully dressed, impeccably groomed woman. She never went anywhere without looking special. If Irene were to be described in three words, they would be: loving, generous and feisty. She never hesitated to say it like it was but kindness, humor and heart were her style.

Irene is survived by: her brother, David Hill; her aunt, Lillian Gaines; and more than a dozen nieces and nephews; numerous godchildren including, Judy Sarna and Lewis Eigen, Ramona Arnett and a host of friends, congregation members and community members.

*This quote applies to Irene.*

*I shall pass through the world  
but once: any good therefore that  
I can do or any kindness that I  
can show to any human being,  
let me do it now, let me not defer  
or neglect it for I shall not pass  
this way again.*



## Order of Service

The Organ Prelude ..... Selected

The Procession & Viewing ..... Clergy, Officers & Family

The Musical Selection

The Holy Scripture

The Old Testament ..... Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 ..... Minister

The New Testament ..... 2 Timothy 4:1-8 ..... Minister

The Prayer of Consolation ..... Minister

The Musical Selection

The Tributes

& Words of Consolation ..... Deacon Charles Cook  
Chairman, Deacons' Ministry  
Judy Sarna & Lewis Eigen

The Resolutions

& Acknowledgements ..... Church Clerk

Poem ..... Written by Sandra Morrissey

The Obituary ..... Minister

The Musical Selection

The Eulogy ..... Rev. Bobbie McDaniel  
*Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church, NYC*

The Committal

The Benediction ..... Minister

The Recessional ..... *"When We All Get to Heaven"* ..... Wilson

*If you could see me now.  
You'd know the pain has been erased.  
You would not want me to leave  
This very perfect place.*



*Those we loved remain with us,  
For love itself lives on.  
Cherished memories never fade,  
Because a loved one is gone.  
Those we love can never be,  
More than a thought apart.  
For as long as there are memories,  
They'll live on in our hearts.*

**Interment**

Ferncliff Cemetery • Hartsdale, New York

**Repast**

3:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church

**Acknowledgement**

*The family extends sincere appreciation for every act of kindness and love expressed to each family member during this period of bereavement. May the Lord bless each of you.*



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