

A portrait of a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark top and a necklace with a heart pendant. A large yellow rose is prominently displayed in the foreground, partially overlapping her portrait. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

*In Loving
Memory of*

Gladys Neil

Sunrise

December 11, 1925

Sunset

October 12, 2010

Saturday, October 23, 2010 -10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

440 Lenox Avenue
New York, New York

Elder Jerry Smalls, Officiating

Obituary

Gladys Neil, affectionately known as “Dook”, the youngest of seventeen to the late Mr. and Mrs. Turner and Maggie Brown was born on December 11, 1925 in Macon, Georgia. Gladys was educated in the Bibb County School system, Macon, GA.

At an early age, Mother Brown instilled the love of God in Gladys as she did all her children. Gladys accepted the Lord as a young girl under Bishop Griffin in Macon, Georgia. At the age of sixteen (after the passing of her father). She relocated to New York City and lived with her sister, Willie Mae Campbell. The entire Brown family joined St. John Pentecostal Church where she remained committed and served faithfully under Bishop Smith.

In 1944, Gladys married Robert Neil. Shortly after she started her family and raised six children.

Decor was her passion. She had a natural flare for interior design and she could make something out of nothing. Revered for her beauty and personal style she set out on a home decor business venture in the late sixty's early seventy's. Out of her many jobs she found her calling in Home Health Care, caring for the elderly for over twenty years, retiring in 1995.

You could often find Gladys doing what she loved to do, shopping, offering her exquisite tastes, perfecting her home and driving big Cadillacs.

Gladys was a strong, adventurous and loving person, this was evident throughout her life, committed to her family job and church, she loved people and people loved her. Because of this legacy of love, she will be greatly missed.

She leaves to mourn: four children, Robert, Linda, Gail and Reginald; twenty-one grandchildren, Letitia, Stanley, Anisa, Jerry, Tia, Willie, Duane, Sharon, Shelly, Tiffany, Stephanie, Reggie, Jr., Danielle, Dante', Andrew, Yasmin, Michael, Diedra, Charles, Tiffany and Brandy; twenty-nine great grandchildren, Brielle, James III, Janisa, Jasmine, Lache', Latiise, Anton, Dorian III, Danajza, London, Demithre, Demisha, Tiara, Aaron, Sean, Ashley, Lauren, Heather, Chinyera, Shanell, Shanice, Amber, Asia, Crystal, Walter, Bre-onna, Khalib, Reggie III and Dylan. Also, one great great grandson, Isaiah; and a host of other family members, neighbors and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Thelma Lindsey

Scriptures Pastor James Vincent
Old Testament
New Testament

Musical Selection

Acknowledgement of Cards/Letters

Dance Selection

Obituary Minister Gail Taylor

Musical Selection

Eulogy Elder Jerry Smalls

Music Selection

Final Viewing

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for the repast at
Our Children Foundation, 527 West 125th Street,
NYC, NY (Between Old Broadway).

*I'm
Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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