



*In Loving Memory
of*

Virginia Rhodes

Sunrise
August 13, 1929

Sunset
October 30, 2010

Thursday, November 4, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 Odell Clark Place
New York, New York

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Officiating

Obituary

Virginia Anderson Rhodes was born in Greenville, South Carolina on August 13, 1929. She was the youngest of seven children of which six preceded her in death.

After the chronic illness of her mother, Annie Blackwell, she came to New York as a child and was raised by her eldest sister, Mrs. Rosa Amory Morris, who also preceded her in death.

She attended JHS 81 followed by Seward Park H.S. After graduating high school, she went on to higher education at the Central School for Practical Nursing where she became a Licensed Practical Nurse in August 1951. She received her AAS degree from BMCC and later passed her state boards to become a registered nurse. With a thirst for knowledge, she went on to receive extra credits at the City College of NY.

She worked for over thirty years in the capacity of a nurse; starting as an LPN and later working as an RN. She was employed at various hospitals which include: Flower Fifth Ave, Brooklyn Jewish Memorial, Mount Sinai, and Harlem Hospital, until she retired from there in December 1997.

Virginia was an active member of the Monday Bible Study class at the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Her love for the Lord was no secret and she made that known. She enjoyed helping others and sharing her wisdom. An avid crossword puzzle solver, she was never at a loss for words.

On May 29, 1954 she married Grady Rhodes. From that union she had four children: Valerie, Jane, Bernard, and Sharon.

She leaves to mourn: four children; four grandchildren, Dasan, Khayla, Coby, and Kyrah, one niece Mary Rucker-Thomas; one daughter-in-law, Candace; one son-in-law, William; and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

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Scripture

Prayer

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Acknowledgements

Remarks

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Eulogy *Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III*

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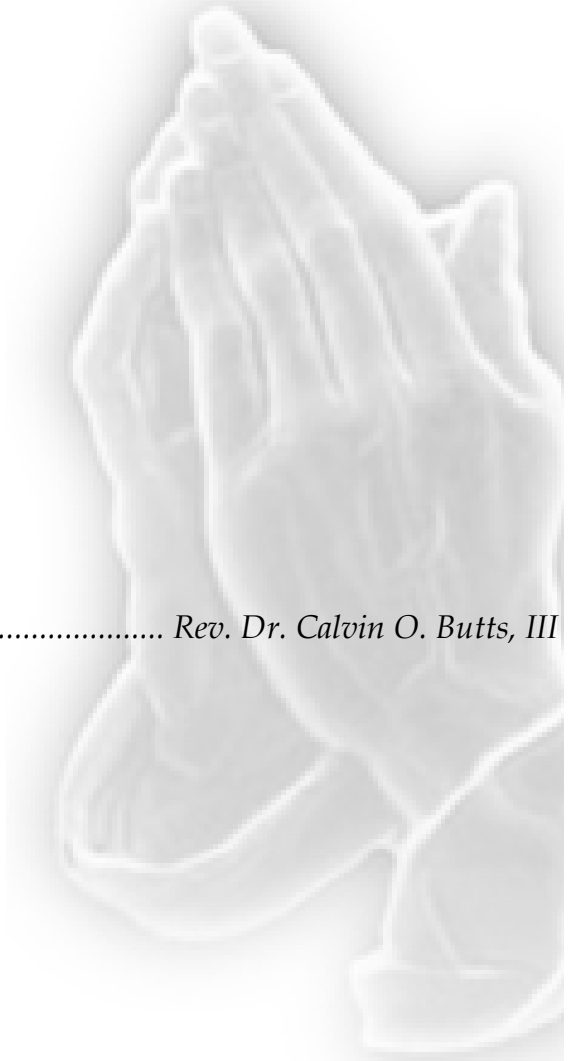
Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey*



To
Those
I
Love

To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me,
I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must
come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."

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Acknowledgement

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and sincere thanks for your kindness during a time of sorrow.



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