

*In Loving
Memory of*

Sunrise
October 7, 1923

Sunset
November 1, 2010

Arita Babb

Sunday, November 7, 2010
5:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.
2352 8th Avenue • New York, New York 10027
Rev. Edward Culvert, Officiating
Bobby Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Anita Whittingham Babb was born on October 7, 1923 in New York City. She was the eldest of six children, including Raymond, Kenneth, Donald, Horatio, Jr. and Lucretia, all from the union of Horatio Whittingham, Sr. and Thelma Williams.

Anita was raised in New York City with a background rich in Southern and West Indian tradition.

Anita graduated from Julia Richmond High School with honors.

On February 14, 1946, in holy matrimony, Anita married Mr. John Griffith Babb, Sr. of Philadelphia Pennsylvania after his return from an army tour of service in World War II. From that faithful union, Kenneth and John Jr. were born. Anita and John provided a loving home which often included extended family. They meticulously raised Kenneth and John Jr. to be fine young men. Anita made sure that her children attended Sunday school at Ebenezer Wesleyan Methodist Church where Anita was a member.

Anita was always known by the family for her great organizational and record keeping skills. She was the care taker and a source for the family's historical background. Affectionately known as "The Rock", Anita was definitely "the go to person" for historical information. She methodically maintained many of the family's documents. Anita's dedication to family was known by all, as demonstrated through her many years of unselfish support of her nephew Donald. She also trained briefly as a nurse which was her career choice desire, but decided to use her skills to be a care giver for her grandparents. Anita was a trusted friend and confidant. Filled with compassion, wisdom, care and love, you could always count on Anita for a listening ear, kind and truthful words and tight lips. Your words were safe with her. .

Anita leaves behind to cherish her memories: two sons, Kenneth; one of her nephews who she faithfully took care of since the early 1970's, John Donald Alexander; two daughter-in-laws, Gail and Rosemarie; six grandchildren, Leah, Alexandria (and her husband Garrion), Shareef, Suraya Rose and Immanuel. Three great-grand children: Tajai, Aniyah and Josiah. Nieces and Nephews: Cheryl, Donald, Latonia, Ronald, Melvin, Kelvin, Raymond, Ernest, Carlton and Howard. God-children: Vernal, Bernard, Debra, Carlton and Howard. Two sister-in-laws: Eleanor and Helen. A host of loving cousins, in-laws, extended family, caring neighbors, faithful friends and Anita's special sister Irma.

It must be mentioned that Anita's best friend who would always say, "That's my girl!" was Rosalie Jose of Florida. They maintained their close friendship which began in grade school in 1932. Anita and Rosalie affectionately continued to be loyal and faithful friends until the end of Anita's life.

On the morning of November 1, 2010, Anita peacefully passed away to be in heaven with the Lord and her loving late husband Johnny.

~ Submitted in love by the family ~

Order of Service

Processional

Selection “His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Scripture

Prayer

Selection “Precious Lord”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Selection “Amazing Grace”

Obituary

Eulogy

Selection “When We All Get To Heaven”

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Long Island National Cemetery
Farmingdale, New York

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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