

# <u>Obituary</u>

**Viola Madeline Washington** departed this life on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 after a brief illness. Viola was born on November 10, 1938 in Pantego, North Carolina to the late David and Bertha Mann Ensley.

Viola graduated from Beaufort County High School in Pantego, North Carolina where she received her academic diploma. After graduating, she moved to New York City to be with her sisters. She attended St. Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Pantego, North Carolina and worshiped in many churches in the New York area.

Viola was married to the late John Washington, her husband, for many years.

Viola worked in the fashion industry for many years. She also took various courses in the medical field. She worked as a home attendant for a number of years and was valued for her experience, patience and love in helping others during difficult times. "Aunt Vi" and "Ma Ma," as most of the youth called her, will be missed for her great cooked meals, soft spoken personality, love and understanding and services to the community projects in and out of her neighborhood.

Viola leaves to mourn: daughter, Maxine Broadnax; sisters, Ollie Mae Ensley and Georgia Mae Lewis; grandson, Kenneth Broadnax, Jr.; great grandsons, Keysean Broadnax and Jayden Karr; son-in-law, Kenneth Broadnax, Sr.; granddaughter-in-law, Petrina Broadnax; nieces, Bertha Mae Harris, Carolyn Grant and husband, Alvin, Colette Ensley and Kimberly Ensley; nephews, David Jerry Harris, Wesley Boomer and wife Cheryl, Sean Spencer and Arnold Ensley; and a host grand nieces and nephews, cousins and many, many other family members and friends.

## Order of Service

Wednesday, January 5, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

### UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue New York, New York 10027

Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr. Officiating Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

#### **Prelude**

**Processional** 

Invocation

**Scripture Reading** 

Song

**Obituary & Acknowledgements** 

Remarks

Georgia Lewis

**Eulogy** 

Rev. Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Recessional

#### **Interment**

Long Island National Cemetery Farmingdale, New York

**Pallbearers** 

153rd Street Community

Floral Bearers

153rd Street Community

# When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
and hold you near,
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

-Helen Steiner Rice

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

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

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