

Marian Holinea Braithwaite

Sunrise July 23, 1933 Sunset March 31, 2011

Thursday, April 7, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.

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Bishop Carlton T. Brown, Senior Pastor Rev. Gordon E. Williams, Associate Pastor

<u>Obituary</u>

Marian Adinea Braithwaite was the sixth child born to the late William and Adelaide Braithwaite on July 23, 1933 in New York City. (A.K.A. Gran Marian).

She received her education in the Public School system graduating from Seward Park High School. She worked as a branch manager for OTB until retirement. Marian then tutored children in reading and writing at a public school and also served as a volunteer in Harlem Hospital for Family and Friends. Her recent employment was a Child Care Provider at the Department of Social Service.

Although she was ill during the last three years she continued to attend the College of New Rochelle fighting like a warrior.

In her early years she worshipped at the Harlem Pentecostal Assemby. Marian also graduated from Bible School.

Marian accompanied her sister, Ismay, to a choir concert at Bethel in 1984 giving her heart to the Lord and becoming a member that evening.

Marian was a fun and loving person. Anyone who came in contact with her loved her instantly. To her family, friends and all that knew her she was the life and excitement of the party with her dancing, singing and joking.

She was known for her "tell it like it is" attitude. She had no problem letting you know how she felt.

Marian was also known for cooking, most noted were her collard greens, fish cakes, pigs feet and souse. She also had a love for baking her famous cheesecakes, pound cakes, carrot cakes, sweet potato and coconut custard pies.

Her family meant the most to her, so she made sure that we brought the New Year in together at church and her home wishing one another love, health, peace, prosperity and happiness.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: three daughters, Jacqueline, Doreen and Olivia; three sisters, Ismay, Ermine and Isaline; one brother-in-law, Merrill Nanton, Jr., (she had one son, Alvin who predeceased her); twelve grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

> You have fought a good fight You have finished your course You have kept the faith

> > Lovingly Submitted, The Family

## Order of Service

Prelude Bro. S. William Phipps
Master of Ceremonies Pastor Gordon E. Williams
Processional Clergy and Family
Prayer of Comfort Minister
I Won't Complain Sis. Delita Dubose-Lee
Scripture Readings Old Testament Psalm 90:1-12 Dejeune Campbell New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Shawn Campbell
Blessed Assurance Braith-o-phone, George Braithwaite
Reflections Sis. Naomi Wright Bethel,Willie Braithwaite, nephew, Sharvon Stewart, granddaughter, Merrill Nanton, Jr., brother-in-law Sis. Meryl Patrick, Bethel
Incredible God Ministry of Dance Olivia Braithwaite
Remarks St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, NYC, The Rev. T. Allan Jackson Elder Ray Johnson, Salvation Apostolic Ch., Scranton, PA
His Eye Is On The Sparrow Bro. Melvin Moore
Obituary & Acknowledgement of Condolences Lahteasha Campbell
Ministry of Music Seniors With A Purpose
Eulogy Rev. Mark L. Williams
Benediction Pastor Gordon E. Williams

<u>Interment</u> Woodlawn Cemetery Bronx, New York

Come To Me

God saw she was getting tired And a cure was not to be So He gently closed those loving eves And whispered "Come to me" The days of toil and nights of pain The weary hours have passed The patient gentle worn out frame Has found sweet rest at last. Day and night we stood by her And saw her in pain, Anxiously awaiting her cure But our waiting was in vain. God who knoweth all things best Eased her suffering, gave her rest She is gone but not forgotten, Never will our memories fade Sweetest thoughts of her will ever linger Round the place where she rests.

-Author unknown

## Acknowledgement

The family of the late Sis. Marian Braithwaite would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all their expressions of love and sympathy extended to them during their time of bereavement.

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