

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Mary Lee Crawford*

*Sunrise*  
*May 6, 1933*

*Sunset*  
*April 12, 2011*

*Tuesday, April 19, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

## Obituary

**Ms. Mary Lee Crawford** was born on May 6, 1933, the youngest of eight children to the late Mary and Robert Crawford in Amherst, Virginia. On April 12, 2011, she became absent from the body and present with the Lord.

Mary moved to New York in 1955 with her family. In 1957, Mary married Vandie Outlaw.

Mary became employed at Miles Cab Services where she was a dedicated housekeeper for six years. She left the cab services and became a devoted housemaker for her family. She spent quality time with her family, always thinking of others and putting their needs first. She instilled in the family that there needs to be balance and structure in life between spiritual belief, work and recreation. She stressed the importance of unconditional love and togetherness. She was the rock that held us together, the glue that makes what she said stick, when she talked you listened.

Along with her undying love for family, gospel music and dancing, Mary was an amazing cook. No one makes fried chicken and potato salad like Ma. You could always rely on getting a hot plate of food once you reached Ma's house, you had to eat whether you were hungry or not because she would not take no for an answer. She was lovable and reliable and cherished by all that came across her path. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by: her brother, Gabele Crawford; her six children, Rose, Isadora, Russell, Robert, Richard and Jeannette; two daughters-in-law, Lavon and Stacey; one son-in-law, William Johnson; eight grandchildren, Kirth, Urania, Tiasha, Derek, Andrew, Aron, Tannette and Kiesha; five great grandchildren, Shakeema, Kendell, Arsheen, Anthony and Lamire; a special dear friend, Ms. Beatrice Roper; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

# Order of Service

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament 31:10-31

New Testament 2:3 John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort ..... Lisa Blunt

Selection

*Anyone wishing to say a few words in tribute to  
Mary is invited to do so at this time (please be brief)*

Obituary ..... Urania Brown

Poem ..... Shakeema Brown

Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. Roosevelt Brant III

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

**Interment**

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

*Tieasha Crawford*

Our grandmother was the strength of our family. She provided us all with unconditional love, kindness, humor, comfort, support and wisdom. Grandma was a truly amazing woman with a wonderful heart who set the precedent for future generations of our family. Words fail to express how much we love her and how much we will miss her.

## *To Those I Love*

If I should ever leave you whom I love  
To go along the silent way grieve not  
Nor speak of me with tears  
But laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you there,  
And when you hear a song or see a bird  
I loved, please do not let the thought of me be sad....  
For I am loving you just as I always have....  
You were good to me!  
There are so many things I wanted still to do  
So many things to say to you  
Remember that I did not fear...  
It was just leaving you  
That was so hard to face  
We cannot see beyond....  
But this I know I loved you so. It was heaven here with you!



*By Stacey Crawford*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family would like to thank everyone for your acts of kindness during this our time of bereavement continue to pray for us and at a later date all your love will be acknowledged.



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