

In Loving Memory Of



Gale Fiken

Sunrise
August 12, 1962

Sunset
April 8, 2012

Services

Monday, April 16, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO RC CHURCH

211 West 141st Street
New York, NY 10030

Obituary



Gale Agnes Aiken was born in New York City on August 12, 1962. The only child of the marriage of Mai Avery and Henry Eugene Aiken, she arrived at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital and began an extraordinary journey.

Gale's journey included a solid education in NYC's catholic schools, independent study and Manhattan Community College. She learned a variety of skill sets, which served her and her community well. This knowledge included a certificate course in counseling and conflict management, very useful for her dozen years as a Correction Officer and her respiratory training which she needed to help meet her own health challenges.

Her journey included a marriage, other relationships and the birth on May 30, 1985 of her beloved daughter, Tierra Nicole Wiggins.

Gale always worked and contributed to the fabric of her community. In addition to being a Correction Officer, she was a Teacher's Aide at Tiny Tot Town and a Life Skills Specialist at Payson House, a residence for people with special needs affiliated with the Catholic Guardians Society. All of the interaction with people of all kinds at every stage in their lives was influenced by her big heart and willingness to love without judgment. From the time of her confirmation in 1976 until her passing, Gale was right with the "Spirit of the Lord".

Gale loved her family and she was blessed with a Mom who knew the value of an extended family. From the beginning Mai taught Gale to reach out and make use of the support offered by blood relatives and friends closer than any blood tie.

Her NY family includes the Hunters, her treasured Godmother- Johnnie Beavers & family, Uncle William and Aunt Jean Green Dorsey.

The last length of her journey was special. She met James Burgess who proved to be a special blessing and made many new friends, (who called her PUDGIE) in Brooklyn around her residence. She joined the Second Saint James Church of Christ, it was a positive decision where she loved and enjoyed working in their food service areas doing whatever was necessary to promote the goals of the Church.

Missing Gale are her brother, Troy; aunts, Mrs. Mildred Waterman of Toledo, OH, Mrs. Maryland Johnson of Paduach, KY, Mary Ghillpen and Mrs. Lavora Anthony of East Palo Alto, CA, one uncle, Mr. William Avery of Flint, MI, and a host of cousins & friends. Gale left this world on Sunday, April 8th after making preparations for the next phase of her journey. She picked out pictures, chose bible passages and did her best to make a comfortable transition for those she loved.

We will miss and love her always,
The Family

Order of Service

Musical Prelude “Shall We Gather At The River”
Processional Hymn “Amazing Grace”
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading One Psalm 100
Responsorial Psalm
Reading Two 23rd Psalm
Gospel Reading/ Homily Fr. Gregory Chisholm S.J.
General Intercessions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

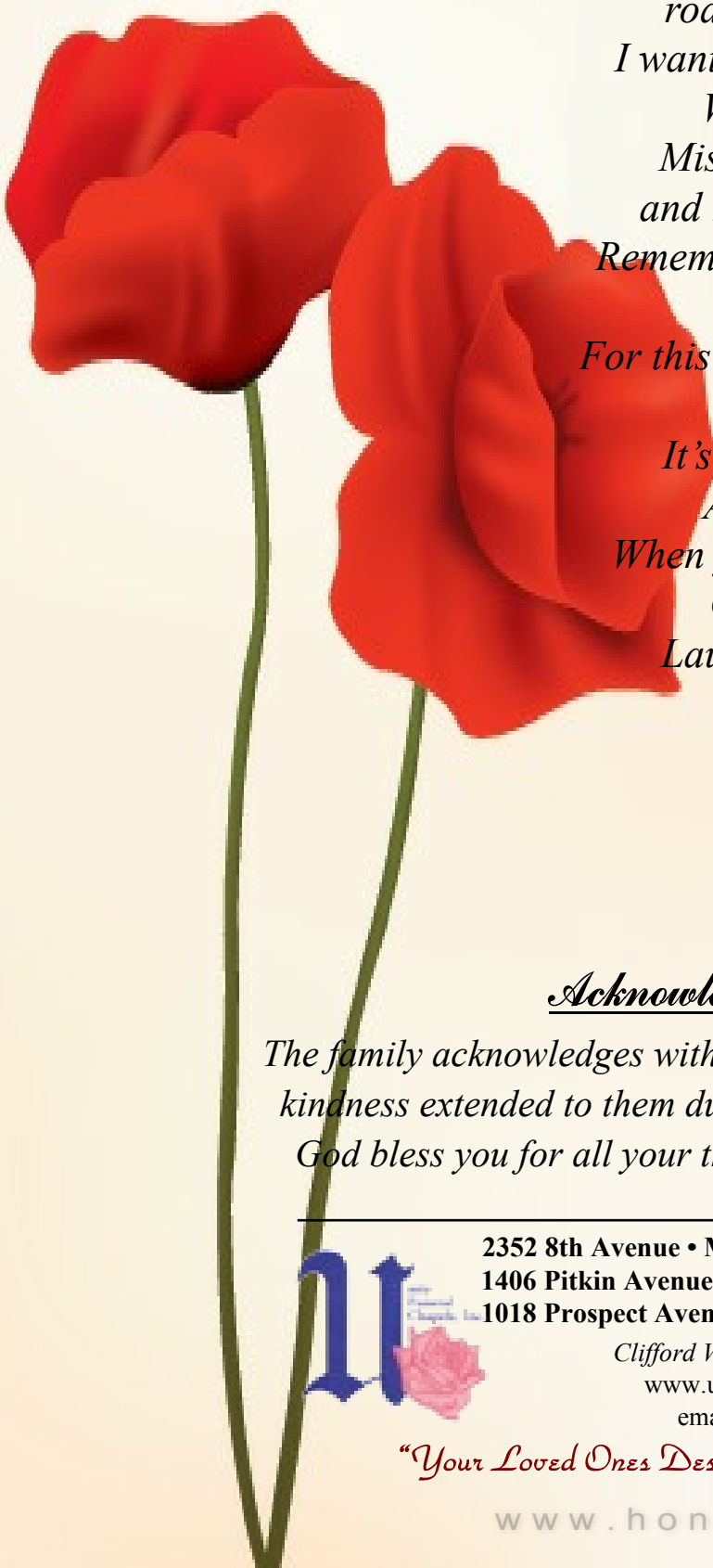
Offertory Hymn “Precious Lord”
Communion Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together”
Communion Meditation “He Looked Beyond My Faults”
Obituary
Commendation
Recessional Hymn “Blessed Assurance”

Interment

*Rose Hills Cemetery
Putnam Valley, New York*

Repast at St. Charles Borromeo RC Church
211 West 141st Street, New York, NY - 1:30 p.m.

Miss Me But Let Me Go



*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



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