

*Celebration of Life for*  
**Louray Hopkins**



*Sunrise*  
July 27, 1940

*Sunset*  
August 16, 2012



2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

**Service**

*Wednesday, August 22, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.*

**ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

191-02 Linden Blvd.

St. Albans, New York 11412

*Pastor Florence Corbett, Officiating*



# Reflections Of Her Life

**Louray Hopkins** was born on July 27, 1940 to the late Selma Whitehurst and Addie Lloyd in Robersonville, North Carolina. From birth, Louray had unique characteristics that would set her apart from others. These characteristics would allow her to live her life vivaciously, lovingly and despite various obstacles that she faced, she was determined to live her life progressively. Her heart was big as gold and her tongue was sharp as a whip. Known to some as Ma and to others as Na-Na. To know her, was to simply love her. She was known to effortlessly care for all of those around her and would "gladly" tell you what was on her mind. So many people adopted themselves into her family, causing the extended family to grow beyond belief.

Louray received her schooling in the Robersonville NC school system. In 1955, she met and later married the late James Edward Hopkin Sr. From this union four children were born, James, Lillie, Kathy and Lenwood. Being a mother was one of Louray's greatest joys. Determined to provide a better life for her children, Louray moved to New York in 1962. In 1973, she married the late Carl Jones who helped her raise and care for her children and grandchildren. In New York, she worked as a cook for the Helen Carey Day Care Center and later as a cook for the New York City Department of Corrections, where she remained until she retired in 2003. Louray enjoyed being a part of the NYC DOC family and mothered many during her time there. She was also a mother to the friends of her children and grandchildren on St. John's Place in Brooklyn, where she lived until she moved to Long Island in 1995.

Louray was known for her southern style cooking. She had a gift like none other. Every Saturday and Sunday you could smell her making her signature dishes from miles away. Louray loved her family and friends and her home was often filled with visitors who just wanted to be in her company and who wanted one of her delicious meals.

As Louray journeyed through life, she developed an unshakable love for the Lord. In 1996, she joined Zion Baptist Church in Brooklyn, NY and then later joined Christian Tabernacle COGIC, in Jamaica, NY, where she remained a faithful member and mother of the church until her death. Mother Louray didn't mind praising the Lord and shared her testimonies of His goodness and mercy often.

Louray faced many obstacles throughout life. She faced the tragic loss of her eldest son, James, in 1993, a knee/back injury that forced her to retire early and lastly she faced her unexpected battle with cancer. Throughout these many obstacles, Louray was determined to press on and overcome. She faced these obstacles with determination and dignity and always managed to inspire others during her most difficult times.

During her battle with cancer, Louray was surrounded by many loved ones who remained faithfully by her side, especially her daughter, Kathy, with whom she lived with. She fought a good fight and always trusted that the Lord's will was being done. She looked forward to one day claiming her wings and hearing the Lord say "Well Done". When the pain became too much to bear, Louray cried out to the Lord and He answered her call. On August 16th, she took her last breath and quietly slipped away.

Louray leaves to mourn her death, her three children: Lillie Banks, Kathy Hopkins and Lenwood Hopkins, two god children: Eric Mercer and Tujuana Robinson, one son-in-law, Tyrone Banks, a cousin, Fred Wilson (whom she raised like a son), nine grandchildren: Kenya, Leon, Tira, Deaidra, Juan, Daron, Asa, Len and Jamal, eight great-grand children: Quiana, Brandon, Nateema, Zhyaira, Dysheem, Khaliya, Virgil and Samari, twelve brothers and sisters: Bobby, David, Peggy, Dennis, Carlton (whom she cared for until she became ill), Thelma, Melissa, Geraldine, Shirley, Gloria, Robert, and Elaine, her Pastor, Co-Pastor and church family, several sister and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins; and a host of other relatives and close friends. All of whom will miss her dearly.

# Order of Service

Processional ..... “Grateful”

Scriptures

Old Testament ..... (Psalm 23)

New Testament ..... Elder Corbett (John 14:1-6)

Prayer of Comfort ..... Evangelist Breedlove

Selection ..... Kera Robinson

Poem

Reading ..... Robin Mallory

Praise Dance ..... Victorious Praise

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Acknowledgements ..... Acquanetta Studdart

Obituary ..... Acquanetta Studdart

Selection ..... Evangelist Breedlove

Eulogy ..... Pastor Florence Corbett

Selection ..... Hilgra Hatcher

Benediction

Recessional ..... “Well Done”

## Interment

Amityville Cemetery  
Amityville, New York



## *Asleep*

*I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.*

*I've endured pain  
and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be,  
I thank God because He came for me.*

### **Acknowledgements**

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*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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