

In Loving Memory Of
Mrs. Bernice Graves

Sunrise
May 19, 1945

Sunset
November 30, 2012



Service

Friday, December 7, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

ROY L. GILMORE'S FUNERAL HOME, INC.

191-02 Linden Blvd. • St. Albans, New York 11412

Rev. Lawrence Saunders, Officiating
Andrea Brown, Organist

Obituary

Mrs. Bernice Kitchings Graves the daughter of the late Harvey Kitchings and Ida Mae Hatcher Kitchings, was born in Aiken, South Carolina on May 19, 1945. She departed this life on November 30, 2012. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Cedar Branch Baptist Church and remained faithful to her belief in God. She attended Martha Schofield High School and graduated in 1962. After graduation she relocated to New York.

In December 1967, she married William P. Graves and this union was blessed with three children, Renee Graves-Dorsey, Reginald Graves, and Chante Lewis. In 1970 the family relocated to Cambria Heights, NY.

Bernice was employed at the Administration for Children's Services, Social Services Department of New York City for 33 years. She started her career as a children's social worker and worked her way up to become an Administrator in the human resource department until her retirement in 2002. She had ambition to continue her education and enrolled in computer classes

She remained faithful to her belief in God. She was a faithful member of the Amity Baptist Church in Jamaica, NY. She served in many roles to include choir, usher board and secretary of the usher board. She was dedicated to help pick up church members on her way to Sunday services. She was an active member of the Making Strides foundation to support breast cancer awareness.

Preceding her death are her parents, Harvey Kitchings, Ida Mae Hatcher Kitchings, and brother, James W. Kitchings.

Bernice Graves leaves cherished memories with her husband, William P. Graves of 45 years; children, Renee Graves-Dorsey of Baltimore, MD, Reginald Graves (Lawrenda) of Yonkers, NY, Chante Lewis (Keshawn) of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren, Micha Lewis, Juwan Dorsey, Jenae Dorsey, Keshawn Lewis, Jr., Shawan Lewis, Keante' Lewis and Madison Graves; sisters, Carolyn Patten, Dorothy Pope (Wyman), Margaret Carroll and brother, Weldon Kitchings of Aiken, SC, and cousins, Mary Franklin of Jamaica, NY, Esther Colter of Aiken, SC, and Aunt Louise Abney of McDonough, GA, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

To my beloved wife Bernice:

I am going to miss you very much, you were more than my wife, you were my best friend, companion and also the BOSS. You kept me in line and I am really going to miss you. I was thinking about when we first started out, living in a basement with our first child Renee. The memory of you, made me cry, but then I smiled because I know I will see you again in heaven. God has called you, and once He calls me, we will be together again. I love you very much and I am devoted to you, and like I say "You Are the Boss".

Your Husband William



Pallbearers

Son, Grandson, Nephew

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters, Nieces, Cousins

Farewell Mommy

Mommy, we miss you so very much

Since you went away

You were the center of our lives

Before your soul passed on;

It's just so hard for us to believe

That you are really gone.

But we celebrate the life you lived

And all the things you gave us;

You've left us precious memories,

your love will be our guide,

You live on through your children,

your always by our side.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

but you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you on the day

God called you home.

Love, Renee, Reggie & Chante'

Acknowledgements

We are sincerely grateful for your prayers, calls, visits and other loving expressions of sympathy. Your encouragement to us has strengthened our resolve to be thankful and praise God, even in this circumstance. May God bless each of you for you have blessed and supported us during our time of bereavement. We sincerely thank you and ask that you keep us in your prayers as we face the days of transition that lie ahead.

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Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional and Final Viewing

Opening Hymn “Blessed Assurance”
Congregation

Favorite Scriptures

Old Testament Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament John 14:1-7

Prayer

Solo “Precious Lord Take My Hand” Andrea Brown

A Tribute to Grandmother Keante’ Lewis
Jenae Dorsey
Micha Lewis

Reflections

Cousin Mary Franklin

Sister Dorothy Pope

Obituary Read Silently

Solo “Amazing Grace”
Micha Lewis, Granddaughter

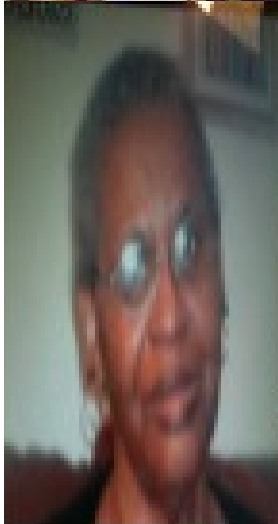
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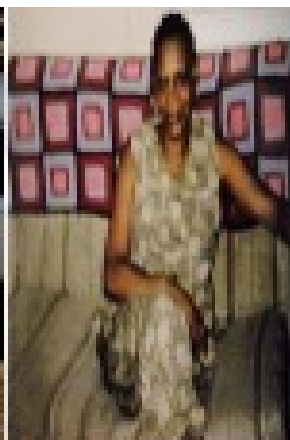
Acknowledgements Keante’ Lewis
Granddaughter

Recessional Hymn “Goin Up Yonder”

Benediction

Interment
Springfield Cemetery
Springfield Gardens, New York





Dear Grandma,



*In my heart you will always be deep within my soul, a part of me. Loving you always, I promise to honor you till the end of forever.
Micha Lewis*



Grandmommy you are truly loved and missed. I know you are in a better place with the Lord. Rest in peace. Love, Juwan Dorsey

I love you and miss you. I will always think about the times we shared, playing checkers and having a good time. Jenae Dorsey



*Grandma was like a best friend. She always encouraged me.
Keshawn Lewis Jr.*

Grandma was wonderful. I love her and she will be happy in heaven. She is a good memory. Shawan Lewis



*I will never forget you and
I love you so much Grandma.
Keante' Lewis*



Madison Graves