



*In Thanksgiving
for the Life of*

Brenda Coore McCarthy

Sunrise

March 19, 1934

Sunset

March 11, 2013



Obituary

Brenda Edwina McCarthy (nee Coore) was born on March 19, 1934 in the seaside town of Hopewell, Jamaica. She was a devoted daughter to her parents, Clarence “Boysie” Coore and Mary Louise “Miss Lou” Coore (nee Atkinson), and a loving sister to her siblings Evan, the late Roderick, Wesley, Hannah, Inez and the late Cecille. An exceptional student, Brenda became very close to her teacher, Ivy Lewis, who was a second mother to her. Mrs. Lewis guided her in terms of her professional and personal goals. In 1953, she attended Mico College where she met the love of her life, her beloved husband, the late Dr. Voldie Osmond McCarthy. After receiving her degree in Teaching, she taught at Bethel Primary School in Hopewell. In 1956, Brenda went to the University College in Kingston, Jamaica to study nursing. In 1960, Brenda married her beloved Voldie. Three children were born to this union: Janette Andrea, Paul Voldie Osmond, and Mark Anthony.

Shortly after marrying Voldie, Brenda moved to Brown’s Town, Jamaica with her husband. Brenda was the school nurse for St. Christopher’s School for the Deaf in Brown’s Town for several years, along with her husband who was the Head Master for St. Christopher’s. In 1970, Brenda emigrated to the United States with her husband and her then two children, Janette and Paul. Mark arrived on the scene shortly thereafter, in 1971. Brenda’s love of scholarship continued and she received a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from City College in 1976. She then went to Teacher’s College, Columbia University where she received two Masters Degrees – one in Nursing Education and the other in Nursing Administration. Brenda loved her career as a nurse. She worked as a Head Nurse in St. Elizabeth’s Hospital and St. Luke’s Hospital for several years. She also worked as a Nursing Administration Specialist for the New York State Department of Health. She retired from Nursing in 2003. Brenda was a woman who loved the Lord, and no matter how many challenges she faced, including the death of her dear Voldie, she never wavered in her faith. She worshipped at Bronx Baptist Church where she was an active member until her illness.

Brenda was a devoted wife and mother. Her unwavering support and encouragement allowed her family to each achieve their respective goals. She was truly the guiding force in the lives of her husband, children, and grandchildren. Brenda was an accomplished pianist and she loved music. She sang in the Brown’s Town Baptist Choir for many years. She also loved horticulture, and she was an accomplished gardener. She had a wonderful sense of humor and she would regale her family and friends with stories of Jamaican life. Her family meant everything to her and she spent her life ensuring that her family was taken care of.

After a lengthy illness, the Lord saw fit to call her home on Monday, March 11, 2013. She leaves behind to mourn her passing: her devoted children, Janette, Paul (Barbara), Mark (Naeema); her cherished grandchildren, Jamaal, Khadijah, and Khalilah; her loving siblings, Evan (Laurel), Hannah (Kenneth), Inez, Wesley; beloved nieces, nephews and other family members, and dear friends. While we, her family, are heartbroken and will continually mourn her passing, we know that Brenda is resting in the everlasting arms of the Lord. We believe that the Lord, in welcoming her to life everlasting, will say to Brenda: “well done, good and faithful servant.”

Service

Saturday, March 16, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.

BRONX BAPTIST CHURCH

331 East 157th Street • Bronx, NY

*Reverend Frank I. Williams, Officiating
Minister Roy Jennings, Organist*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude	Minister Roy Jennings
Call to Worship	Reverend Frank Williams
Processional	#334 “Blessed Assurance” (<i>First and Second Verses</i>)
Invocation	
Scripture Reading (<i>All Standing</i>)	
Old Testament - Psalm 23	Audrey Coore Clarke
New Testament - John 14:1-6	Stephanie Glenn Palmer
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Pauline Heslop
Hymn	“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Selection	Sanctuary Choir
Obituary	Laurel Coore
Tributes	Janette McCarthy Paul McCarthy Minister Donald Sharpe
Acknowledgement	Dane Clarke
Eulogy	Reverend Frank Williams
Benediction	
Recessional Song	“We Shall Have A Grand Time In Heaven”
Interment	Mt. Hope Cemetery • Hastings-On-Hudson, NY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing seal
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

We Shall Have A Grand Time

We Shall Have a Grand Time Up in Heaven
We Shall Have a Grand Time Up in Heaven
Have a Grand Time
Walking with the Angels
Singing Glory Hallelujah
We Shall Have a Grand Time Up in Heaven
Have a Grand Time

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Brenda Edwina McCarthy** acknowledges the kindness of all those who took care of our mother during her illness, including the Doctors and Nurses who cared for her at the MJHS Block Hospice. We also gratefully acknowledge the members of the church family, friends, well-wishers and all those who have supported us with prayers, letters, cards and telephone calls during this time of bereavement.*

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