

Celebration of Life for

Nora Ethel Lewis

Sunrise

May 21, 1923

Sunset

March 11, 2013



Service

Monday, March 18, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 Odell Clark Place • New York, NY

The Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Officiating

Obituary

Nora Ethel Lewis was born on May 21, 1923 in Griffin, Georgia to Willie Pearson and Hattie McDay.

“Miss Ethel”, as she was affectionately called, lost her mother during infancy. Her grandparents, Zack and Melissa McDay, raised her and sent her to school in a one-room schoolhouse in the “country”.

Her love for fashion landed her a job at a dress shop where she learned how to put outfits for customers. She left Georgia and headed to Chicago to care for her uncle, Eli.

In 1950, her beloved “Brownie” sent for her, to join him in New York City to marry him. Hervey B. Lewis and Ethel were married on March 4, 1950. That union was blessed with two sons and a daughter.

Miss Ethel loved family. It gave her great joy whenever she could travel to Griffin, Georgia and Akron, Ohio to be with family and to exchange old stories. This love for family was reflected in her children Hervey, Harvey, Helena and Clifford, (her step-son), who were always there for her, bringing her the joy she gave others.

Left to carry on her legacy are: Hervey S. Lewis, Helena A. Lewis and her stepson, Clifford Lewis. Welcoming her to her eternal home is her husband, Hervey B. Lewis and her son, Harvey P. Lewis. Left to cherish her memories are: her daughter-in-law, Ann Lewis; her devoted niece, Keshia Lewis; grandchildren, Nicole, Shévon (Mark), Joseph and Jasmine; great grandsons, Christian and Tyler; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her devoted caregivers, Lydia Rodriguez and Marta Melendez were also left to cherish her memory.

Order of Service

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL
“How Great Thou Art”

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
“Blessed Assurance,” #508

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
New Testament – 1 Corinthians 13

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SOLO
“The Lord’s Prayer”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

OBITUARY

SOLO
“We Shall Behold Him”

EULOGY

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL
“I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Calverton National Crematory
Calverton, New York

The Magic of A Mother's Touch

*There's magic in a mother's touch,
And sunshine in her smile
There's love in everything she does
To make our lives worthwhile
We can find both hope and courage
Just by looking in her eyes
Her laughter is a source of joy,
Her words are warm and wise
There is a kindness and compassion
To be found in her embrace
And we see the light of Heaven
Shining from a mother's face.*

-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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