

Home Going Service for



Ms. Martha Elizabeth Cottrell

Sunrise
March 4, 1913

Sunset
January 24, 2014

Service

Saturday, February 1, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

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2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Evangelist Pamela Bryan, Officiating

Rev. Eric B. Turner, Organist

Obituary

Ms. Martha Elizabeth Cottrell, affectionately known as Marko, daughter of the late Reverend James E. Cottrell and Martha Murray Cottrell of Howardsville in Buckingham, VA, departed this full, abundant life on January 24, 2014. Martha was the longest living of her siblings. She now passes the baton to the next generation.

Martha was converted at an early age under the ministry of her father and became a member of the Salem Baptist Church of Buckingham, VA where her father was the pastor.

Martha was educated in the Buckingham school system. She followed her sisters to New York to seek gainful employment. She was employed as a domestic engineer where she worked diligently and loyally until she retired at the age of 99 years young.

For her 100th birthday, Martha was honored with a letter from our first African American president and First Lady, Barack and Michelle Obama.

Martha cultivated hobbies such as gardening, attending tea parties, and traveling. Her first airplane trip was at 92. She flew to Atlanta to welcome her great-granddaughter to the world. She enjoyed singing her “Dinky Dink” song to the younger generations.

There was never a time when Martha’s door was not open for her family and guests. Like her siblings, she could cook, bake, and feed people until they burst. Her culinary skills were unmatched on this side of heaven.

Although Martha’s guests were made to feel like family, it was her family she loved most. Her greatest joy was her daughter, Linda. She went on frequent road trips and had fun spending time with Linda until the end. She encouraged her family to enjoy and live life, but always said she was never homesick. The ultimate testimony to Martha is that we who remain would live our lives to the fullest and continue her legacy of faith, family, and love. May the circle continue forever.

Martha leaves to mourn: her daughter, Linda DeJesus; three grandchildren, Monica and Walter Elam, Desiree and Afron Raymond, Desmond and Shanyse DeJesus; three great-grandchildren, Latif Elam, Tanaesja Milligan and Mia Raymond; nieces and nephews, Ms. Gracie Mae Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. William Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cottrell, Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker, and Ms. Naedean Brown; a host of great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews and one great-great-grandnephew; her best friend and neighbor, Lynn Ann Kelly; and a long list of friends.

Sorrowfully Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Final Viewing

Processional.....The Family

Congregational Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture ReadingsPatricia Washington

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Evangelist Pamela Bryan

Solo.....Maria Jennings

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Reflections.....Mr. William Cottrell &
Mr. Theodore Cottrell

Reading of the Obituary.....Mrs. Dorothy Jones

Solo.....“Let The Work I have Done Speak For Me”

Eulogy.....Evangelist Pamela Bryan

Recessional.....Family and Friends
“Victory Is Mine”

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me



When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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

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