

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Christophine Venetia Joseph*

*Sunrise*

December 25, 1922

*Sunset*

May 29, 2014



*Service*

Saturday, June 7, 2014 - 9:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF THE MASTERS**  
86 Morningside Avenue • New York, NY

## *Obituary*

**Christophine Venetia Christian Joseph** better known as **Aunt Grace** to her family or commonly addressed as Mrs. Joseph in her community, was born on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> 1922 in Bolans, Antigua and was the daughter of John and Henrietta Christian also from Antigua.

She resided for over 50 years in Harlem, New York and died at The Zicklin Hospice in Riverdale, New York on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 where at the time of her death she was 92 years old.

Mrs. Joseph was an avid supporter of her children, community and church. She was the sister of six brothers and two sisters and is the last sibling to pass in their generation.

She was also the mother of ten children plus one (St. Clair Stephens, who currently resides in London, England and is currently in our presence). She leaves behind seven sons and three daughters and numerous grand and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews from all over the world. She was particularly fond of her niece, Julie Williams and her family.

Aunt Grace, as she was affectionately called by her family, was a very independent woman who traveled the world at a young age. This was exceptional considering the era that she grew up in.

Due to her adventurous nature and her independent qualities it lead her to travel to London, England and then to the United States at a very young age where she lived until the time of her death. She met and married, Clifford Joseph, in London who since has predeceased her for several years.

Mrs. Joseph was a talented and professional dressmaker and designer. If you were fortunate enough to have ever received a design by Mrs. Joseph, you knew that it was made with love and classic style.

She made valuable contributions to her community and church. She will be greatly missed by her children, Cliff, Sam, Lillie, Valerie, Ferdie, Kortright and Caleb and other members of her family, church family, senior citizen center and all the many who came in contact with her.

Thanks to all who have been a part of her life, the doctors and nurses who cared for her in her later years.

Thanks to her Pastor, Reverend Belle and all the other family and people who took the time to pay their condolences and respect. We like to thank God for her long life. She lived a full life and finally passed of old age.

May her soul rest in peace.

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

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**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**

## **Entombment**

Woodlawn Mausoleum  
Bronx, New York

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-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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