

*In Loving Memory of*



*Yvonne Flippen-Davidson*

*Sunrise*

*July 18, 1945*

*Sunset*

*August 27, 2014*

**Service**

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

**Pastor David Jenkins, Officiating**

**Marvin Hadley, Organist**

## Obituary

*Yvonne Flippen*, was born on July 18, 1945 at Sydenham Hospital, in Harlem, New York. Her parents were Theodore and Katherine Youngblood. Yvonne was educated in the school system of New York City and graduated from Washington Irving High School. She went on to earn an associate degree from the University of New York. She worked for the New York City Department Of Housing Preservation.

Yvonne was a life-long New Yorker, who loved her Harlem neighborhood. While she was an obedient and sweet child, as a teenager she enjoyed the social scene and night life of the neighborhood. While never neglecting her academics, Yvonne established a healthy relationship with the many joys Harlem had to offer. As she did so, she was always anchored by her loving parents, loving grandmother, Lula Waring, and a trust in Jesus.

Yvonne met, fell in love with and married Cornelius "Richard" Flippen. They had one child, Richard. After the death of her parents, Yvonne was "adopted" into "sisterhood" by Elvira and Leroy ("Smitty") Smith, and a loving circle of friends who became her family. She continued to live in Harlem as she raised her family and continued to pursue her education. She shared with those friends and family her love of life's gifts and Jesus.

Yvonne suffered the death of her beloved son, Richard, with grace and courage. Still, the burden was, at times, too much to bear and, during those times she stumbled. Fortunately for Yvonne, she had developed such strong friendships and shown so much love to those close to her. We could spend many days recounting the names of all her friends and the joy they gave Yvonne when she needed them most.

Yvonne was preceded in her home coming by her parents, Theodore and Katherine, her brother, Theodore, her son, Richard, both of her husbands, Richard and Hugh Davidson, her sister, Frankie and her brother-in-law, Smitty. She is survived by: her grandchildren, Richard Flippen and Dominique Williams; her great grandchildren, Richard Yavaughine-Lee (13), Brianna Cheyanne (3), Jade Olivia (2), Carter Cornelius (8 months), Mariah Lyn; her godson, Eddie Lee; her cousins, Johnny Ruth Rivers, April Malone, Darryl Mcray and Rodney Mcray; her goddaughters, Tracey Franklin and Joi Robinson; her nephews, Coree Smith, Edward, Ronald, Ernest, and Randi Sutton.

During her illness, Yvonne had caring and compassionate doctors, John Paul Tracey and Magret Henderson, her, kind and gentle aide, Iesha, and loving and loyal long time companion Alex Huggins.

Those close to Yvonne remember how much she loved to be around her loved ones. Never was there a day when Yvonne didn't leave time to give her friends and family a call. She was always concerned with how others were doing even when she was facing great difficulty herself. Yvonne lived a life of much hardship, but she remained strong throughout. The friendships she built spanned a lifetime and her warmth touched everyone she knew.

# *Order of Service*

## **Processional**

### **Selection**

*“Precious Lord”  
by Mahila Jackson*

### **Scripture Reading**

*Psalm 23-Nadia*

### **Prayer**

### **Selection**

*“Amazing Grace”*

### **Acknowledgements**

### **Poem**

*Read by Karen Lewis*

### **Friends remembering Yvonne**

*Rick*

### **Obituary**

*Eddie Smith*

### **Selection**

### **Eulogy**

### **Committal**

### **Viewing**

### **Recessional**

### *Interment*

Mount Rest Cemetery  
Butler, New Jersey

# *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!*

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## *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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