

*In Loving  
Memory of*



*Princella Pinkard*

Sunrise  
August 11, 1937

Sunset  
October 11, 2014

Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
Viewing: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.  
Funeral: 12:00 Noon

**STAR OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
304 Spring Street  
Ossining, New York 10562  
*Rev. Nellie Johnson, Officiating*

# Obituary

**Princella Pinkard** was born on August 11, 1937 in Montgomery Alabama to the late Prince and Aurelia Burch. Princella was the eldest of five children, Vivian Miller, Lorethia Burch and two siblings whom preceded her in death, Charles Burch and Miriam Johnson. At an early age Princella and her family moved to Charleston, South Carolina.

Princella met and married Allen McAlister from that union three children were born, Albertha Ingram and Joseph McAlister and Bobby McAlister whom preceded her in death. “But things happen”.. As the years passed she met and married Harold Pinkard on February 12, 1976 and from this union three children where born Kevin Pinkard, Eric Pinkard and Troi Swithers. In this union they both welcomed and loved two step children.

She was educated in Charleston, South Carolina where she attended public schools and in the mid 70’s Princella pursued and accomplished obtaining her nursing degree. She retired from Pelham Parkway Nursing Home where she worked over twenty years.

She was a dedicated member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church. In 2010 she became a Eucharistic Minister where she would administer communion to the elderly and those who could not attend services at the Cedar Manor Nursing Home in Ossining, NY. Because of the love of the Lord she also attended Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church on Wednesdays for the message and a meal.

On the morning of October 11, 2014 at 7:55 a.m. the Lord called home His Devoted servant, Princella Pinkard. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Harold Pinkard; her sisters, Vivian (Paul) and Lorethia; five children, Albertha (Paul), Joseph, Kevin (Donna), Eric (Alison), Troi (Paul); step daughters, Susan (Harold) and Sharon (Cameron); her adopted son, Garrett (Tania); fifteen grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; life long sister-friends, Jane Burton and Kathleen Burke; and a host of other aunts, cousins, family and friends.

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Invocation

Hymn

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy ..... Rev. Nellie Johnson

Benediction

Recessional



**Interment**  
St. Augustine Cemetery  
Ossining, 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!

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Princella Pinkard** would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during our time of bereavement.*



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