

In Celebration of the Life of
Gwendolyn Anita McDougald

Sunrise

May 19, 1963



Sunset

December 26, 2014

FUNERAL SERVICES

Monday, January 5, 2015

Viewing 11:00 AM -- 12:00 Noon

Services 12:00 Noon

Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY

Reverend Nelson C. Dukes, Officiating

Reverend David Jenkins, Musician

Obituary

Gwendolyn Anita McDougald was one of three children born to Alice Noel and the late Arenza McDougald on May 19, 1963. She departed her earthly residence on December 26, 2014 at Jacobi Hospital Bronx, New York.

As a child, Gwendolyn was introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ and nurtured in a Christian family. She maintained her own personal relationship with Christ throughout her life.

Gwen, as she was affectionately called, attended the New York City Public School System where she received her early education. At an early age, Gwen began her struggle with Mental Health issues at an early age, she still enjoyed life and brought joy to all who came into contact with her. There are those of us who would say that Gwen can be considered as having the social skills of a great comedian. She could always make you laugh with her funny remarks and her on the spot jokes. Throughout Gwen's long term illness of many years, she took pleasure and satisfaction in the visitations and all the prayers of those that came to visit her.

With her loving and devoted mother, Alice, sister, Robin and baby sister, Kimberly, also nephews, Kashaun and Anthony by her side as her support team, Gwen lived her life to its fullest potential. Her spirit was one of great determination and a fighting one in every sense of the word. She was well loved for over 51 years.

Gwen was a lover of fashions and a stylist dresser with a passion for clothes, manicured nails and a well dressed hair-do. Her favorite pastime hobbies were crocheting patterns, listening to hip-hop music and dancing.

Gwendolyn leaves to cherish her most fondest memories and the task of celebrating her life: her mother, Alice Noel; sisters, Kim and Robin McDougald; nephews, Kashaun and Anthony McDougald; uncle, Walter Noel (Mary); godmother, Barbara Harrell; special friends, Pauline Majnette and Deacon Frances W. Jones; and a host of relatives and other friends.

Order of Service

Officiating

Reverend Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Pastor Fountain Spring Baptist Church, Bronx, NY

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Invocation

Hymn Of Praise..... We Have Come This Far By Faith"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 23

New Testament.....I Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Comfort

Solo.....Deacon Winston Clark

Reflections.....(2 minutes please).....Friends & The Family

Acknowledgements of Cards/Condolences

Obituary.....Deacon Frances W. Jones

Solo.....Reverend Ron Wilcox

Eulogy.....Reverend Nelson C. Dukes, Jr.

Selection....."I'm Free".....Reverend David Jenkins

Viewing

Committal

Benediction.....Reverend Dukes

Final Resting Place

Rose Hills Memorial Park
Putnam Valley, NY 10579



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've found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all to 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 wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during the hours of their bereavement. A special thanks to all who shared in Gwendolyn's life during the many years of her illness.

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