

In Loving Memory of
Vickie Beckford

Sunrise
May 8, 1945

Sunset
December 31, 2014

Service

Saturday, January 10, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

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Obituary

Vickie Beckford made her transition on December 31, 2014.

She entered this world and the Village of Harlem, on May 8, 1945, as a gift to Margaret and Clarence Beckford.

She attended and graduated from Public School 24, Cooper Junior High School and Benjamin Franklin High School. She was part of the first class of young girls to turn both Cooper and Benjamin Franklin into co-education schools. She remained a faithful member of her Benjamin Franklin Alumni Association and assisted in ensuring the success of their Galas that were always infused with warmth and the best music of the 50's and 60's.

She loved life and lived it to its fullest. Our sister was a happy person and she loved to clown and make people laugh, even if the joke was on her.

Vickie gave 23 years of service to the Jewish Home for the Aged. A job she enjoyed very much, interacting with a caring staff, families and those who resided in this nursing and rehabilitation facility.

She maintained her love for her African cultural roots and for many years wore her beautifully wrapped geles and African attire. Whether she was clothed in her elegant African or Western style outfits one would always be warmed by the beautiful colors and designs. She created most of her garments herself and amazed people with her skills as an expert seamstress who could sew by hand or machine and no one could tell the difference.

She also loved her Caribbean cultural roots and felt at home whether she was with her circle of friends from the Caribbean, or any part of the African Diaspora.

Although she made many friends and acquaintances, there were those who also held a special place in her heart and whom she held very dear. Elder sister, Freddie Mae Baxter, who she referred to as her "second mom," Pattie Geingob, her "sister in her heart," Ron Allen a dear childhood friend and "brother," Nell Charles who welcomed her into his loving South Carolinian family and lastly, Perry Brown the "Love of her Life and Spiritual Mate Forever." She also is survived by: her nephew, Gregory Stokes. Vickie also leaves a number of associates and colleagues of our struggle for justice and freedom to mourn her transition, but to also celebrate her commitment and contributions.

It is now time for her to spread the same joy and happiness somewhere else.

*The Celebration of the life
Of
Our Beloved Sister Vickie Beckford*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Words of Welcome

Vickie's Love Poem to Her Friends and Family

Musical Selection

Reading of Her Obituary

Tributes to Our Sister

Musical Selection

Eulogy/Life Tribute

Thank You and Acknowledgements

Final Disposition

Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when day is done.
I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
behind,
When the day is done.*

-Helen Lowrie Marshall

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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