

<u>Nancy's Story</u>

On April 28th, 1936, the late Chavis and Mary Vereen blessed the world with their seventh child of eleven in Horry County, South Carolina, a beautiful girl named **Nancy Vereen**. Nancy attended school in South Carolina.

In 1953, she fell in love and married Leroy Williamson who preceded her in death. From this union, came a beautiful baby girl, Janice Loretta Williamson. With their new pride and joy, Nancy and Leroy wanted to set big dreams for Janice, so they relocated to New York City in 1954, where they would continue to build a life together. Nancy worked as a nursing aid for a number of years, devoting her time to serving others, until her own health caused her to retire. That did not stop Nancy, for years she devoted her time to taking care of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Nancy's kind-heart, love, and care never stopped. On September 22, 2008, the one who would steal her heart once again was born, Kelsey Smith. Kelsey gave Nancy the strength to keep going each and everyday, from the start of her day as his mother would drop him off, to the end when they would depart until the next day. Nancy was a feisty, fearless, and a woman filled with integrity. Nancy spoke without a filter; what you saw is what you got, because when she spoke it was uncut to the tenth power. Everyone knows her pimp hand was strong, especially Yolanda. Nancy was a chef at heart and made many meals large and small. She would bring out the neighborhood when she cooked her famous chopped barbecue, smoke turkey wings, and southern style oxtails. Nancy's food nourished everyone soul just as much as her presence did. "Grandma Nancy", "Aunt Nancy", or "Ms. Nancy", she was known all over Harlem, and no matter who you were she was not scared to set you straight if something was not right. Nancy's favorite pass time was winning some bucks at Empire City Casino, gossiping with her girls in front of 304 W. 154th St., and spending time with her family.

On November 20, 2015, at 11:35am the Lord called His gossiping angel home to glory to give Him some news. Preceding her in death was her husband, Leroy Williamson, mother and father, Chavis and Mary Vereen, and seven siblings.

Nancy leaves to mourn: her loving daughter, Janice Smith; one brother, Reverend Lonnie Chestnut of Conway, SC; three sisters, Mable of Philadelphia, PA, Mildred of Pamplico, SC and Cleonis of Myrtle Beach, SC; five grandchildren, Yolanda Smith, Richard Smith, Jr., Quinndale Smith, Ricky Smith (Leah), and Dominique Smith; five great-grandchildren, Monisha Johnson, Jarrell Peaker, Julia Johnson, Deveon Arche and Jamiah Moore; one great-great grandson, the apple of her eye, Kelsey Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Nancy brought joy and laughter to everyone hearts and she will truly be missed; so at the conclusion of this please give Nancy the standing ovation that she deserves.

Service Wednesday, December 2, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Rev. Dr. J.G. McCann, Sr., Officiating Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

<u>Order of Service</u>

Recessional....."It's So Hard To Say Goodbye To Yesterday"

Interment

Mount Rest Cemetery Butler, New Jersey

<u>Repast</u>

Community Room 114 West 143rd St.• New York, NY 10030 Following the burial

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave you for a little while Please do not grieve and shed wild tears And hug your sorrow to you through the years But start out bravely with a gallant smile And for my sake and in my name Live on and do all things the same Feed not your loneliness on empty days But fill each waking hour in useful ways Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer And I in turn will comfort you And hold you near And never, never be afraid to die For I am waiting for you in the sky!

-Helen Steiner Rice

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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