

Celebration of Life
Margarite McGraw

June 24, 1960 - May 4, 2016



Service

Friday, May 13, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

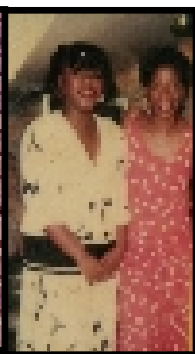
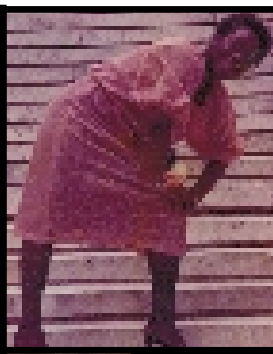
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Min. Gerforne Johnson, Officiating

Latasha Jordan, Soloist

Precious Memories



Reflections of Life

Margarite “Marie” McGraw, daughter of Melvin Nelson, Sr. and Viola Nelson, was born on June 24, 1960, in Harlem, New York and departed this life on May 4, 2016.

She attended Louis D. Brandeis High School and upon graduation attended the Royal Business School, where she graduated in 1982. In 1985, Marie embarked on a career as an account manager at Merrill Lynch and successfully worked there until her health started to decline in 2001.

Marie’s greatest accomplishment was her son Brandon, and she would not hesitate to dote on his achievements. Attending his college graduation was one of the happiest moments of her life. Brandon’s bachelor degrees was the reward for her hard work in drilling him on his spelling words and long division, LOL!

Marie loved her parents and was a devoted sister to her siblings. She loved her great nieces and nephew and would affectionately call them “her babies”. Marie was that genuine, supportive, and dependable friend that we should aspire to be.

Marie enjoyed reading the newspaper, completing word searches, shopping at Target, and watching cooking shows. Marie had a passion for cooking and loved to peruse recipes and mastermind her “Sunday menu”. Marie could whip up a mean pot of string beans, a killer macaroni salad, and her famous crab spaghetti.

Marie’s philosophy on life is one that we should endeavor to adopt. Marie was selfless, and her sense of generosity was profound. Marie truly exemplified strength and valor. She maintained her positive attitude,

infectious smile, and warrior-like spirit even while battling a debilitating disease. Marie loved, laughed, and fearlessly lived.

In Marie's last days she made mention of wanting to go dancing! She is now dancing with the Heavenly Father. Dance on Marie, dance on and Cheers to a blessed life!

Marie is survived by: her only son, Brandon McGraw; and his father, Craig McGraw; mother and father, Melvin, Sr. and Viola Nelson; siblings, Carrie Stevens, Melvin Nelson, Jr. and Jiquetta Nelson; nieces, Tabitha Lee and Courtney Nelson; nephew; Brenton Stevens; four great nieces and one great nephew; one aunt, Etha Mae Fulton; best friend, Inez Jones; and a host of cousins and dear friends.



Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional Hymn

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Courtney Nelson

New Testament..... Jalen Hargrove

Musical Selection - "I Won't Complain"... Leonard Lee, Jr.

PrayerCraig McGraw

Acknowledgements to the Family..... Stephanie Williams

Selection - "In The Midst Of It All"Latasha Jordan

Reflections..... Elliott Bethea

Inez Jones

Jiquetta Nelson

Brandon McGraw

Obituary..... Tabitha Lee

SelectionLatasha Jordan

EulogyMin. Gerforne Johnson

Final Viewing - "Going Up Yonder"Latasha Jordan

Recessional

Interment

Rose Hills Memorial Park

Putnam Valley, New York

Repast

*Immediately following burial at:
Frederick Samuels Community Center
2401 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.
New York, NY 10030*

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!*

-author unknown

“And remember Marie loves you more...”

Pallbearers

Bobby Doqueluche
Murray Cooper
Randolph Fleming

Michael Cooper
Melvin Nelson, Jr.
Kyle Jones

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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