



*In Loving Memory of*

*Evelyn Dickens*

*Sunrise: April 24, 1928*

*Sunset: April 5, 2017*

Service

*Friday, April 21, 2017 - 12:00 Noon*

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Dr. J. G. McCann, Sr., Officiating*

*Dante Hawkins, Organist*

## Obituary

Born and raised in Savannah, Georgia. The first of six siblings. Evelyn and her mother attended a church where she would later meet her future husband, Fred Aikens. They married in 1942, she was fourteen (parental consent), he was nineteen. He enlisted in the Army during World War II. In 1946, he received an honorable discharge and Fred and Evelyn moved to New York City. Mom gave birth to a boy that year who died before his first birthday. His name was Michael Aikens.

Evelyn never got use to, neither liked New York City. But she stayed because the south only offered sharecropping for employment. In 1952, she gave birth to Shelia Aikens, in 1953 again to Frederick, and in 1961 again to Danny Aikens.

Evelyn is leaving behind two sons and many nephews and nieces on both sides of the family. She leaves behind five grandchildren, seven greatgrands. She is preceded in death by her husband, Fred Aikens, her sister, Elouise Priester, her sister, Gloria Hill, and daughter, Shelia Aikens Elmore. She was a woman of few words, but a very honest and humble person. She will be missed.

# *Order of Service*

*Processional*

*Selection*

*Scripture Readings*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

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*Obituary*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Committal*

*Viewing*

*Recessional*

*Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, 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!*

*-author unknown*

## *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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