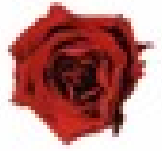


In Loving Memory of



Rosa Washington Chaplin

Sunrise
April 12, 1932

Sunset
September 2, 2011

Service

Friday, September 9, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
132 Odell Clark Place • New York, NY 10030

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Officiating



Obituary

"OH WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN"



Rosa Washington Chaplin was born on April 12, 1932. She was born in Savannah, Georgia to the late Caroline Washington Byas and Harold Byas.

Rosa was raised in Beaufort, South Carolina. She attended Penn School on St. Helena Island, South Carolina. She was baptized under the leadership of the late Pastor D.C. Washington at Ebenezer Baptist Church of St. Helena Island, South Carolina. She met Christopher Chaplin, Sr., a young baseball player, who was born in Beaufort County on St. Helena Island, South Carolina. They were joined in holy matrimony and then relocated to New York City in the late 50's. She was employed and retired from Burlington House in Manhattan, New York. Rosa carried her church membership to the Abyssinian Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. She proudly served as "Deaconess" under the administration of Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, where she was well-known for her fashion and her "hats". She worked diligently within the church until her health failed.

Rosa and Christopher were blessed to raise four children, Arthur, Carrie, Christopher and Melissa. After her retirement, Rosa an excellent cook, became known throughout the region for her popular cheese cakes which were in great demand over the holidays and on special occasions. She was also a talented bowler, collecting dozens of trophies over the years. Another favorite pastime was vacationing on cruise ships and seeing the world. However, Rosa took the most pride and joy in the accomplishments of her eight grandchildren who were the light of her life.

For the past four years, Rosa was a resident at Flushing Manor Nursing Home where she was visited often by her late husband and by a host of beloved family and friends.

Rosa Chaplin entered into eternal rest on Friday, September 2, 2011 at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in Flushing, New York. She was preceded in death by her sister, Gilda Mae Byas, her brother, Harris Byas and her husband, Christopher K. Chaplin, Sr.

Rosa Chaplin is survived by: her brother, John Henry Byas, Sr.; her sister-in-law, Johnnie Mae Byas of Flushing, New York; her aunt, Annie Mae (Bill) Byas of St. Helena Island, South Carolina; her children, Arthur Washington of Queens Village, New York, Carrie C. Carter of Hampton, Virginia, Christopher Chaplin, Jr. of Hempstead, Long Island and Melissa Evans of Jamaica, New York; two daughters-in-law, Loletha Washington and Beverly Robinson-Chaplin; eight grandchildren, Khalia Washington, Samara Washington, Christopher G. Chaplin, Wesley Washington, Emmanuel Carter, Khalif Chaplin, Chantal Evans and Jordan Coard; a very special niece, Naomi Brown of Savannah, Georgia; special friends, Deaconess Green of Queens, New York, Deacon and Deaconess Fife of Queens, New York and Deacon and Deaconess Black of Beaufort, South Carolina; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, grandnieces, grandnephews, other relatives and cherished friends.

Order of Service

Officiating

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Prelude

Invocation

Congregational Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”, #508

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Proverbs 31:10-31

New Testament - Rev. 21:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

“Amazing Grace”

Acknowledgements & Resolutions

Naomi Brown

The Obituary

Samara Washington

Solo

“How Great Thou Art”

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Committal

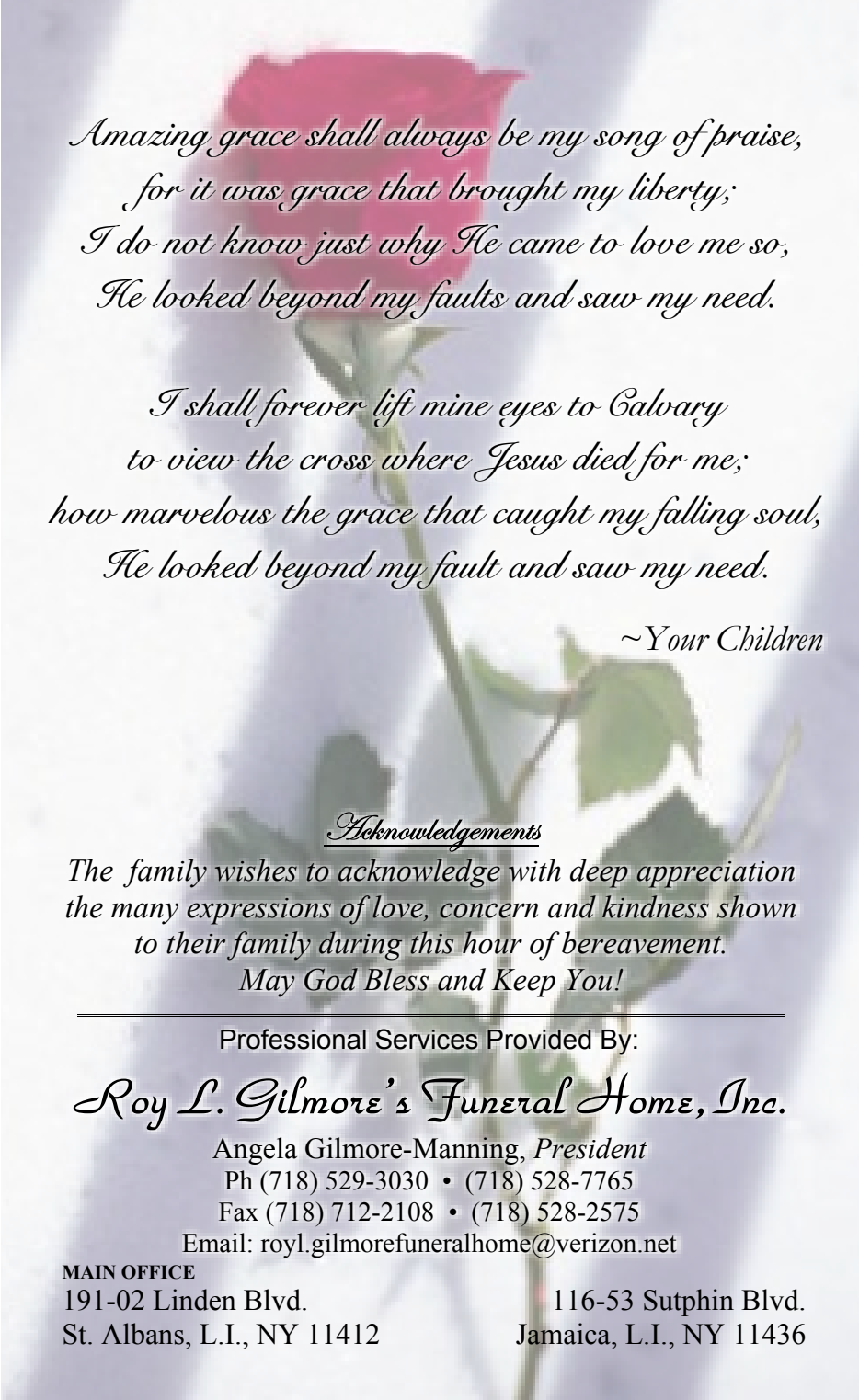
Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery

Calverton, New York



*Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise,
for it was grace that brought my liberty;
I do not know just why He came to love me so,
He looked beyond my faults and saw my need.*

*I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary
to view the cross where Jesus died for me;
how marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul,
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.*

~Your Children

Acknowledgements

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

May God Bless and Keep You!

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