Thanksgiving Service to Celebrate the Life of

Emily Violet Gatherer

Sunrise
November 20, 1925

Sunset
May 26, 2015

Service
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

FENIMORE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
276 Fenimore Street • Brooklyn, New York 11225
On a beautiful autumn day November 20, 1925, in St. Vincent, West Indies there was born to the union of Charles Grant and Pearl Walker, a baby girl they named Emily Violet.

Emily was the third of seven siblings. Four preceded her in death, Sheila, George, Dudley and Avery.

She received her formal education in St. Vincent. She came to the United States in 1948 and worked several years at St. Vincent’s Hospital. Later she attended Brooklyn College and graduated cum laude with a masters degree in science and education. She taught school for over twenty years. On June 19, 1955 Emily married her childhood sweetheart, Ralph Gatherer. From this union two sons were born, Gordon and Kevin.

Emily loved the arts, life, family and friends. She was known to be a classy lady (how about those fabulous hats)!

Soon after coming to the United States, Emily joined Fenimore Street United Methodist Church where she was a member for over fifty years. She was the first Sunday school teacher in the reorganization of the church. She was superintendent for social concerns and she was also chairperson for the church and society committee. She loved her church. In the last few months Emily’s health began to fail, but she was blessed with the love and care of her husband, sons, daughter-in-law and nieces, Dionne and Candice.

On Tuesday, May 26th Emily reached her hands up and felt God’s hands guiding her safely home.

She leaves to celebrate her life: her husband, Ralph; sons, Gordon and Kevin, Dionne Bailey, Candice Beach and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and Church family

Sorrowfully submitted
The Family
Organ Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn ................................................................. Chancel Choir (Soon and Very Soon)

Prayer of Comfort .......................................................... Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon

Scripture Reading - Old Testament ................................. Dionne Bailey (Niece)

Scripture Reading - New Testament ................................. Dionne Bailey (Niece)

TRIBUTE ................................................................. REV. DR. GLYGER G. BEACH

Solo .................................................................................... J. Erleng Williams-King

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Obituary.......................................................................... Gordon Gatherer (son)

Hymn ................................................................. Chancel Choir (What A Friend We Have In Jesus)

Sermon ........................................................................ Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon

Recessional Hymn ......................................................... Chancel Choir (Oh Happy Day)

Repast Following The Service Downstairs In The Fellowship Hall
Because The Angels Came

No more grief or sorrow,
No more suffering or pain,
Now there is everlasting peace
because the angels came.

Only God knows what is best
And He gently holds my hand
Guiding me to a better place
Because the angels came.

When the sun rises tomorrow
And I answer not my name,
Please don’t cry… Rejoice with me
Because the angels came.

I now can rest in peace,
As I never could before.
I answered the gentle knock
Of the angels at my door.

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for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.