

*In Loving Memory of*

A portrait of an elderly woman with dark skin, wearing a dark blue beret and a brown jacket over a white collared shirt. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle expression. The background is a vibrant green with large, stylized leaf patterns.

*Jennie L. Bowers*

*Sunrise: August 29, 1926*

*Sunset: November 4, 2017*

Service

*Tuesday, November 14, 2017 - 12:00 Noon*

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY AGONY**

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# *Reflections on the Life of*

## *Jennie Louise Bowers*

*One of twelve children, Jennie Louise Wallace was born on August 29th, 1926 to the union of Thomas Wallace, Sr. and Lucinda Storr in West Palm Beach, Florida where she grew up. She was raised in the historical African American community known as Pleasant City, where the Wallace family roots go back more than 100 years. After graduating from Industrial High School, she attended Tuskegee Institute and Florida A&M University.*

*Jennie put her educational goals on hold when she met and married David F. Bowers, Sr. Their union produced three children, Ronald, David, Jr. and Carolyn. They moved to New York City, where they raised their family. She started her working life for several companies, New York Telephone Company and held bookkeeping positions at the prestigious Solomon Brothers on Wall Street and Grey Advertising Bros., to name a few. Jennie then decided to continue her educational pursuits at Malcolm-King College in New York City where she earned an Associates degree; then she went on to Mt. St. Vincent College where she earned a Bachelors degree. She completed her Masters of Education degree at The City College of New York. Jennie achieved her lifetime goal of becoming a fully certified classroom teacher with the City of New York Board of Education from where she retired in 1996.*

*Jennie is undoubtedly a devout Catholic who worshipped primarily at St. Cecelia's for the last forty years. Even with illness, Jennie making mass was of utmost importance to her as faith kept her strong throughout her lifelong journey. She needed that strength for Jennie was a fighter.... A Breast Cancer Survivor, an education completer, a shopper, and a hard bargain driver! In her last days, Jennie told a visitor that she was going to get up and walk out of Mt. Sinai Hospital on her own and she did. On November 4, 2017, Jennie L. Bowers departed this life from Mt. Sinai Hospital into the arms of our Almighty God.*

*She was preceded in death by her husband, David F. Bowers, Sr., and her son, Ronald T. Bowers, along with ten of her sisters and brothers.*

*She leaves to cherish her memory: her son and daughter, David F. Bowers, Jr. and Carolyn Bowers; grandchildren, Alexander Bowers, Jeremy Bowers, Kevin Williams and Kim Bowers; her sister, Olga Wallace Gideon; daughter-in-law, Karen Bowers; her first cousin, Mary Ellen Cleare; her cousins, Helen Height and her daughter, Joceline Height and Alonzo Jefferson; her nephews and nieces, Esther Little, Jennie Little, Luther Little, Ralph Little, Joan Grady, Roy Cleveland, Lucinda Jefferson, Michael Cleveland, Ignatius Wallace, Jeannine Uddin, Peter Wallace and Dennis Walllace, Jr.; and brother-in-law, Benjamin Bowers. She also leaves to mourn a whole host of relatives, nephews, nieces and friends.*

# Order of Service

Blessing of the Body

Entrance Hymn....."On Eagles Wings"

Opening Prayer

First Reading ..... From the Book of Wisdom

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Offertory Hymn....."A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Psalter

Our Father

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn....."I Am the Bread of Life"

Commendation

Recessional Hymn....."Lead Me Guide Me"

## Interment

*Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, 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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