

*Homegoing Service for*  
*Olivia M. Giles*



*Sunrise: February 1, 1924*

*Sunset: June 29, 2018*

Service

*Saturday, July 14, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.*

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## Obituary

Olivia Mini Giles was the youngest child of the late Martin Barksdale and Henrietta Barksdale. She was born on February 1, 1924 in Chapanoake, N.C. and reared in the Berkley section of Norfolk, VA, where she received education in the public-school system. Olivia married David Giles and with whom she shared four children with Carolyn A. Coleman, Carlton Giles, Warkim Giles, and Ragene Giles. Olivia was affectionately known as "Dearest".

Olivia loved the Lord and attended Greater Refuge Temple faithfully. She enjoyed trying new foods, basketball, organic remedies, spending time with her loved ones, and her church family. Olivia was the woman who had a taste for fashion before fashion became the "it" thing. She could dress to the tea and had beautiful church hat for every occasion. When they say big things came in small packages they were speaking of Olivia Mini Giles, she was small and quiet, but was a no-nonsense type of women. Oliva was not a woman who was lost for words, she said how she felt and could stop and give you one look that let you know exactly what she meant.

Olivia entered eternal rest on June 29, 2018. Her memories will be cherished by those she leaves behind. She is survived by her three sons Carlton Giles and wife Diane Giles, Warkim Giles, and Ragene Giles. Treasured grandmother to Trestee, Rob, Swadesia, Princess, Warkim, Shekima, Shandell, Lavell, Carlton Jr., Troy. Adored great-grandmother to Gregory Johnson Jr., Marshae Onyeka, and Jason Johnson, Jose "Jymeek" Mendieta, Aniyah Herron, Dacarie Herron, Shydaea Townes, Shymiek Towns, Shymel Towns, Tierra Powell, and Elias Powell, Troy Jr., a host of great-grands, nieces, nephews. She will be fondly remembered by her church family, extended family and the many friends that she made along the way. In addition to her late husband David Giles, she was predeceased by her oldest sister Doris Barksdale, and older brother Martin Barksdale.

# *Order of Service*

Processional Hymn

Opening Prayer ..... Pastor

Poem ..... Warkim Giles

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor

Organist Selection

Obituary Reading and Eulogy ..... Princess B. Herron

Sermon ..... Pastor

Reflections ..... 3 min limit

Benediction ..... Pastor

Recessional

## *Final Disposition*

*Oxford Hills Crematory  
Chester, New York*

*John 14:7*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not  
give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be  
troubled and do not be afraid.*

## *A Prayer*

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 undone must stay that way.

I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow;

I wish for 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, God set me free.

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of Olivia Mini Giles wishes to express our sincere thanks for the flowers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.*

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