



"Baby Sister"

Sunrise: September 21, 1929 Sunset: July 9, 2018

**Service** 

Friday, July 20, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

132 W. 116th Street • New York, NY

## <u>Obituary</u>



Minerva Finnin was affectionately known as "Baby Sister". She was the only child of the late Williemae Sheffield and Willie Lawson, but was raised by her loving stepfather, Harry Days who was married to Williemae. Minerva was born on September 21, 1929 in Greenville, Florida. She resided there with her cousin, Johnnie Mae Larrier and her grandmother, Minnie Anna. She attended Greenville

Training High School in Greenville, Florida.

Later she met her first husband, John Bellamy and together they raised the late Barbara Lawson, Patricia Bellamy, Tyrone Bellamy, Linnette Bellamy, the late Joyce Alisha Bellamy and the late Gloria Bellamy. After her divorce from John Bellamy she then followed Williemae and Harry to New York City, where she attended school as a LPN nurse and worked at Parkside Hospital in the Bronx.

Later she met and married Frank Finnin at Canaan Baptist Church. Minerva was very much into her kids and grandchildren's life. Christmas was always a special time in our life, she would be like Santa making sure everyone had a gift, "that you could count on from Minerva".

Minerva had a kind heart, she was always helping others and she had a giving heart too, especially to those less fortunate. Minerva loved church and reading her Bible and she always would preach about paying your tithes to the church. She was a strong believer in Christ. Minerva was one beautiful woman called by Miami, "Tina Turner". She left an example to live your life to the fullest and enjoy it, but put God first and He will direct your path.

She leaves behind: her husband, Frank Finnin; daughter, Patricia Richardson and her husband, Douglas Richardson; son, Tyrone Bellamy; daughter, Linnette Bellamy; grandkids, Jeanette McCall, Kim McCall, Immanuel McCall, Kenyatta Bellamy, Melvina Lawson, Maylee Bellamy and Raymona Williams; twelve great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; two great great great

grandchildren; sister-in-law, Alma Palmer; sons-in-law, Luis Benson, Darlene Larrier and Craig Larrier; godchild, Katherleen Soltan; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Minerva we will surely miss you and you will always bring a smile to our face when just thinking of you.



## Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Consolation (Solo) .....Linnette Bellamy "Risen King"

Scripture Readings Old Testament - Job 14:14 New Testament - Ephesians 1:1-7

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Consolation

Special Music (Solo)

Dance Tribute .....Leon Harris (DTW-CBC)

Obituary (To be read silently)

The Eulogy

Benediction

Recessional



George Washington Memorial Park Paramus, New Jersey

## Im 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!

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

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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