

Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory of
Delores Gossett

February 26, 1936 – July 2, 2019

“Well done my good and faithful servant”
Matthew 25:21



Obituary

Delores Gossett was the eldest of two daughters born to the late Albertine Harris in Harlem, New York. She was surrounded by her family and loved ones and departed this life in the company of her loving husband and lifelong friend Willie Gossett on July 2nd, 2019 at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan, New York.

Delores was born and raised in Harlem, New York and graduated from Washington Irvington High School in Manhattan. She and her husband, Willie Gossett, were teenagers when they met. They are lifelong friends who married on May 2, 1960. They raised and nurtured their four children in East Harlem, New York. Delores was a homemaker for many years until the children were older. She then worked for the United States Census Bureau as a census enumerator. Willie and Delores retired to Baltimore, Maryland for 23 years before returning to New York in the past year due to Delores' health issues. Delores was a true matriarch. Her kindness, generosity and wisdom sustained her immediate family and everyone who had the honor and privilege of knowing her. She lost her only sister and her only daughter to cancer and without hesitation assumed the responsibility of providing motherly love and care to both of their children. A loyal person with a good moral character Delores' love of life was contagious. Her bright smile, hearty laugh and generous heart gave us joy. Her genuine concern for the well being of others was the manifestation of the selfless love she gave to family, friends and strangers alike. In the words of her husband and life partner she was "an excellent person".

Left to forever cherish her memory are her husband Willie their three sons Michael, David and John-Paul; her grandchildren Shayne, Rory, Alia, Camryn and Sean Paul; her nieces and nephews Evangaline, Calvin, Andre, Candy, Henry, Julian, Twanda, TJ, Darian and Tory. She also leaves behind a host of very dear relatives and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albertine Harris and George McMillan, her sister Judy Corye and her daughter Dawn Gossett-Watson.

Celebration

Saturday, July 13, 2019

HARLEM, NY

Order of Service

Prayer

Eulogy

Family Reflections

Dinner



Life

A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in,
A minute to smile and an hour to weep in,
A pint of joy to a peck of trouble,
And never a laugh but the moans come double;
And that is life!

A crust and a corner that love makes precious,
With a smile to warm and the tears to refresh us;
And joy seems sweeter when cares come after,
And a moan is the finest of foils for laughter;
And that is life!

- Paul Laurence Dunbar

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