

*In Loving Memory*

*Mother Mabel Fernandez Anthony*

February 9, 1930 - October 2, 2019



Service

Thursday, October 10, 2019 - 7:00 PM

**Green Pastures Baptist Church**

115 Ward Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472

Reverend Roger L. Hambrick, Pastor

Eulogist: Bishop H. Curtis Douglas, Pastor

*Dabar Bethlehem Cathedral Church, Queens Village, NY*

## Obituary

**Mable Anthony** was born on January 25, 1930, in Harlem, NY. Mable met her Boaz at the age of 8, through a fight between her brother Herbie and her late husband, affectionately known as Bobby. He was the love of her life. They lovingly raised 8 children along with raising 3 generations of grandchildren. While raising a large family, she decided to pursue her dream career as a beautician, and then later transitioned to work for the New York Board of Education, as a paraprofessional. While supporting and instructing children with the fundamentals of education, she also became an advisor to the many teachers and faculty that worked with her. They often sought her advice and wisdom.

In the early 60's, Mable became a devoted Christian. She followed the leadership of Pastor B. Webb, Fairview Holiness Church in Harlem, NY. Mother Mable was a passionate Christian, she decided to utilize her children and later created a choir that soon became a household name. She was known as the Mother of the Church.

Mother Mable then joined St. Peter's Church located in the Bronx, in the late 70's. There she faithfully worshipped God, while serving under the tutelage of Bishop T.B. Jackson and his wife, affectionately known as "Mother Jack". After their transition, she ministered under the leadership of her daughter, Pastor Shante D. Edgehill.

Mable was born with the wisdom of Solomon, she was often asked by the young and the old to provide sound advice. Along with that she was a woman of her word, known as a "straight shooter." Known to speak "nothing but the truth," she did not gossip or slander other people's character. Instead, she encouraged and uplifted others. Most importantly she was a giver.

Mother Mable was a loving and kind hearted woman. She always displayed acts of kindness, not only to those she knew, but strangers as well. During The Great Migration, she showed kind gestures and supported her family by opening her home to them. For example, when her family moved from the South to New York City, she helped them embark on their journeys to start a new life with their families.

Mother Mable was devoted to God. She had anointed praise in her mouth and on her tongue. Every Sunday, she had a song in her heart and a testimony that changed and transformed lives. When Mable walked into the church, everyone knew she was there. She was admired and known all over the church for her iconic fashion: matching outfits with shoes, dresses, and custom jewelry, and especially for her famous hats with matching wigs. Every Sunday morning before church and during the week, she would flood her home singing songs of praise, "it's in my heart, this melody of God's love divine" or "Amazing Grace" to her children.

To her children, she was always their confidant, and always there for them without judgement. They viewed her as the real thing. Even as adults her children could always find a warm spot on her bed to chat authentically with her about anything going on in their lives.

To her grandchildren, she was a woman of wisdom, courage, and always inspired them to be great. She was present for almost all of their accomplishments: graduations, weddings, and birthdays. She always wanted them to know what she knew, so they could do better. She made each and everyone of them feel as if they could be the president of the United States, with her uplifting words and support. She would often end a conversation with them, by sliding them a few dollars, even if she didn't have it. Mother Mable was a true

# *Order of Worship and Celebration*

Musical Prelude

Processional of Family & Clergy

Call to Celebration.....Reverend Diane Curry

Praise and Worship.....Reverend Michael Peters

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Psalm 91: Clergy

New Testament.....John 14:1-6: Clergy

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Sandra Baker

Praise & Worship

Acknowledgments and Obituary.....Elder Tina Felder

Solo.....Elder Doris Switzer

Remarks .....(1 minute)

Family Tribute

Solo.....Elder Doris Switzer

The Eulogy .....Bishop H. Curtis Douglas, Eulogist  
*Dabar Bethlehem Cathedral, Queens Village, New York*

Recessional

## **Interment**

*Friday, October 11, 2019*

Ernst Memorial - Flower Hill Cemetery

Parlin, New Jersey

support system for them. Because of her, they all know their worth.

Towards her departing, her last moments were surrounded by loved ones: children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, church members, and friends. There was not a moment when she was alone. Visitors came from far and near. Mother Mable was truly blessed. Her five renaming children, made it their duty to uplift her as she has always done for them. All five of them surrounded her, prayed, read her favorite scriptures: Psalm 91, and sang.

Mother Mable struggled and felt ill for many days, but remained a fighter and devoted to God. Even after being released from the hospital, she would show up to church the next day, to get her praise on, with her best outfits. She fought and prayed until she could no more and on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, she transitioned into the arms of the lord.

Preceded in death were her father and mother: Abraham Frazier and Josebel Knowles Frazier. Her loving husband Robert (Bobbi) Anthony Sr. Her siblings Robert, Henry, Eugene (Herbie), Thomas, and Elisabeth Frazier. Her in laws Sadie (Herby), Issac and Hilda Mendez. Her sons William (Butch), Reginal (Rabbit), and George Fernandez. Her loving grandchildren Tahira Keys, Kareem Fernandez, Faith Imani Edgehill, and Hiyah Ahmad. Her niece Jacqueline Frazier, her nephews Isaac Mendez Jr., Eugene Frazier, Marian Frazier, Cornell Frazier, Tyrone Frazier, and her grandnieces Perditha Buntin and Ralisa Allen.

Mable leaves her legacy with her sister Mary Frazier. Her five children: Delores (Khadijah) Fernandez, Gregory Fernandez, Shirley B. Anthony, Shante Edgehill (Peaches) (in-law, William Edgehill, Jr.), and her baby Robert Joseph Anthony Jr. Mable also leaves to cherish her memory 29 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Along with church family and friends.

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Mother Mable** would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, thoughts and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless each of you.

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*Isaiah 40:1 ... Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.*

