Celebrating the Life of



Sunrise: March 25, 1929 - Sunset: February 3, 2020

Service Saturday, February 8, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

## **UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Minister Takischa Simmons, Officiating Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Jersey City, NJ

The Life of Nellie Alberta Brice Simmons

It was a cool March day, the 25th 1929, when a beautiful baby girl was born to the parentage of Hartman and Eva Brice on the picturesque island of New Providence Bahamas.

She grew up a lovely child and received an education at Western Junior and Western Senior High Schools. As a young lady she learned various trades. Cooking was her speciality, especially Bahamian cuisine, delicious dishes she created for her family and friends.

As a young woman she met and married the dashing Mr. Neville Simmons, this union was blessed with two children, Pemula and Rodger of New Providence Island Bahamas.

In the late 1940's, Nellie and her husband Neville migrated to the United States to further their education and she completed additional schooling while in the states. Nellie received work as a domestic, a house keeper to notable families such as the Levys and Steingarten until her retirement.

Nellie was blessed with six more beautiful children, Leslie (who predeceased her), Thelma, Freddy, Diane, Carrie and Kevin. Her community of 133rd Street was also her family, this is where she was mother to all and arranged activities for summer youth programs and cooked many delicious meals. Nellie was loved by many. She will be missed.

Nellie is predeceased by her brothers, Hartman "Happy", Winston, Zeddy, and Simon. Left to celebrate her life are: her children, Pemula, Roger (Ivamae), Thelma, Freddy, Diane, Carrie and Kevin; grandchildren, Brandford, Helen, Angelia, Lynette, Lawrence (Sandy), Franklyn (Sharon), Siobhan (Percy), Andrew (Heena), Arvin (Lawhanda), Leslie Jr. (Keisha), Lana (Reginald), Lajuan, Alexis, Tyrone, Cheree (Jason), Jacqueline and Sylvia Tanya Watts; great-grand children, Kendra, Krystal, Raymond, Quinn, Christopher, Devin, Darius, Akash, Andrew Jr., Abanae, Arein, Cyaan, Heleigh, Malachi, Mason, Xaiden, Xion, Lanicia, Latevia, Layla, Reginald Jr. and Alana Jared; nieces and nephews, Christine (Glenn), Christopher, Ephraim and Ephenette (Keno); sister-in-law, Synidor Brice; cousin, Thelma Simms; caregivers, Tiny Williams and Alfreda Nkyen.

Rest in Peace

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey

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

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