

## *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*

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of **Rhoda M. Peabody-Toure** wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us at our time of bereavement. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.

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## *In Loving Memory of Rhoda M. Peabody-Toure*

*Sunrise*  
**January 18, 1949**

*Sunset*  
**March 4, 2020**



### *Service*

**Thursday, March 26, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.**

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## *Obituary*

Mrs. RHODA M. PEABODY-TOURE was born unto the union of Mr. JOHN S. VARFLEY, Sr. and Mrs. JERUSHA HOLDER-VARFLEY on January 18, 1949 at Kingsville, #7 Montserrado County, Liberia.

Ma Rhoda, as she was affectionately called by her older sisters and brothers obtained her Elementary Education at the Kingsville #7 Public School, graduated in 1960.

She enrolled in 1961 at the BOOKER WASHINGTON INSTITUTE (BWI), Kakata, Margibi County. She graduated in 1965 earning a DIPLOMA in SECRETARIAL SCIENCE. In 1969 she left Liberia for the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA the first time to pursue her Education. She earned an AA (ASSOCIATE DEGREE) in English Education from the BROOKLYN COMMUNITY COLLEGE in NEW YORK, USA in 1971. She contracted her first Civil Union with Mr. CLINTON PEABODY in 1970, which union was blessed with 2 children, Katherine E. PEABODY and Kathleen M. PEABODY. He (Clinton Peabody) passed away in 1972 due to a tragic motor accident.

She was employed at the Bureau of Budget of the Executive Mansion as a Secretary. She later served as Executive Secretary under Dean THEODORA WARD-JACKSON, then DEAN of the TEACHERS' COLLEGE of the UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA before joining the BONG MINING COMPANY OF LIBERIA FAMILY in 1979 where she entered into her second Marriage.

Mrs. RHODA PEABODY-TOURE returned to Monrovia during the Civil Crisis and worked under Dr. AMOS SAWYER, President of the Interim Government of the Republic of Liberia as a PARTICULAR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY before traveling to UNITED STATES in April 1998.

She worked assiduously as a SALES ASSOCIATE from 1998 for OTG Company at Newark International Airport, New Jersey until she became weary to work in 2018.

RHODA was a very kind and loving person. She was at all times willing to help others in any way she could. She loved people and had many, many friends. As a child, she would gather all of her friends and take them Home to her parents and made sure they had enough food to eat before returning to their Homes. She loved to sing and participated in Church Programs as she was growing up at Kingsville #7. She loved GOD, People and had a keen eye for Fashion. She will greatly be missed by All. She was a sweet person, always ready to listen to one's problem and to provide assistance until the problem was solved. She was above all Mammie "Faintain", meaning the cleanest woman on Earth. She loved without any pretext her children and her husband. She leaves to mourn her loss: her Husband, BABA- OUMAR TOURE, 5 Children: Kathy, Kathleen, Klade. Bachir Oumar Toure and Assiatou Toure-BAH, 9 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grand Child, her siblings, Meitta V. Twe, Esther V. Dundas, Edwin Bishop Varfley(Clavenda), William Varfley(Sue), Solomon Varfley(Ellen), and Martha Freeman(Leroy). She was predeceased in death by her Parents, John S. Varfley, Sr. and Jerusha Holder-Varfley; two brothers, Professor John S. Varfley Jr., (Viola); Henry Varfley Sr.(Marian); Musu V. Taylor. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in perfect peace.

## *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks  
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

### **INTERMENT**

Rosedale Cemetery  
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