

# *Celebration of Life for*



*Mary Ann Manuel*

*October 3, 1955 - March 28, 2020*

**Service**

Friday, March 3, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

143 Myrtle Avenue  
Passaic, NJ 07055

# Reflections of Life

## Reflections

Behold I come quickly

I've got a new home

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad

Mary Ann "Mayran" Manuel, 64, a beautiful Georgia Peach (a Princess) was born on October 3, 1955 and adored by her Beloved parents; Louise (Holmes) Manuel and the late Arthur Lee Manuel. Her birth was such a celebration, being the first girl born into a family of all boys. She brought so much joy into their lives!

Although she was born in the Peach State, there was absolutely nothing country about her, just her roots. The family relocated to Passaic, NJ in 1962. Mary graduated from Passaic School Systems in the Culinary Arts Program. She was employed by the Marriott for several years. Thereafter, she was Chef Mary! "Okay now who's gonna make the shrimp salad." She was a faithful and active member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Passaic, NJ, where she was an usher. She had a particular love for the act of giving back. She was faithfully committed to assisting in the Church's Pantry. She will always be remembered as being a good servant to the Lord.

Indeed, she was beautiful, accompanied by her flawless skin, she could have been anybody's runway model. She often said "mother should've only had (her) the only girl." However, mother gave birth to four more girls but she was the beauty; and you couldn't tell her otherwise! She was always the attraction; personable, adventurous, loved scratch-offs, casino tours and a romantic at heart. She found love in her later years.

MaryAnn was preceded in death by her father Arthur Lee Manuel, two brothers Arthur Lee Jr., and Willie Frank Manuel, and one sister Linda Manuel.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves memories no one can steal.

She is survived by her Beloved mother Louise (Holmes) Manuel, three children whom she loved deeply, Erica (John) Dawson, Mutawasin Manuel of Passaic, NJ and Demont Manuel of Willingboro, NJ; twin brothers Johnnie B. Manuel of Somerset, NJ and Willie B. Manuel of Passaic, NJ; three sisters Elizabeth McNair and Dolores Manuel both of Passaic, NJ, Peggy Glaze of Ashton, NC; three granddaughters Shayla Patricia (Denzel) Morrison of Paterson NJ, Aijona Leann Dawson of Passaic NJ, Daria Desire Manuel of Willingboro, NJ; one grandson Mutawasin Jr. of Paterson, NJ her beloved companion Claude Barrier of Passaic, NJ and a village of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

*All is well.*

*Death is nothing at all,*

*I have only slipped into the next room*

*I am I and you are you*

*Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by my old familiar name,*

*Speak to me in the easy way which you always used*

*Put no difference in your tone,*

*Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.*

*Play, smile, think of me, and pray for me.*

*Let my name be ever the household word that it always was,*

*Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of shadow on it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.*

*It is the same as it ever was, there is unbroken continuity.*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?*

*I am waiting for you, somewhere very near,*

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