

*Homegoing Service of*



*Mary A. Crishom*

Sunrise: July 14, 1944 - Sunset: April 14, 2020

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020 - 10:30am**

**New Jerusalem Holy Church, Inc.**

2635 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY  
Bishop Lester C. Smith, Senior Pastor

# Obituary

**Mary Alice Lane** was born on July 14, 1944 to Sidney Lane and Lizzie Mae Carswell. Lizzie Mae was on her way to visit her mother unbeknown to her she was in labor with Mary Alice who was born in her grandmother's home in Waynesboro, Georgia. She was one of the eight siblings. In 1950, the Lane family uprooted to Brooklyn, New York to start a new life. Mary attended I.S. 57 and Clara Burton High School, taking up food trade and becoming class President.

Mary and her sisters, Pat, Ella, and Sandra sung over the airwaves introducing the new sound of contemporary gospel music as "The Lane Sisters". Growing up on DeKalb Ave.; she joined The Haven Cadets as a color guard and on that very block she met her future husband. On June 16, 1965, Eddie Lee Crishom and Mary Alice Lane joined in holy matrimony. She worked at Chock-Full O'Nuts coffee shop and later started a career working at Brooklyn Borough Community Services; assisting and caring for families. Mary received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was a faithful member of Community Church of Faith under the leadership of Bishop Nathaniel Wesley holding the office of Pastor Aide President and Minister. She later joined New Jerusalem Holy Church where she was respected, honored and lavished with agape love under the leadership of Bishop Lester C. Smith.

Mary was an excellent cook since the age of five. She enjoyed hosting every Thanksgiving and Christmas at her house showcasing her famous BBQ sauce, sweet potato pies, peach cobbler, cakes, and stuffing to name a few and selling dinners for the church and the community. Mary was obsessed with fashion, she would not go anywhere without a fancy coat, purse, hat, and shoes and never left the house without, shades and hair perfectly done. She enjoyed word puzzles coloring, and needle points. She was head over hills for Spaghetti Westerns, Doris Day movies and Gone With the Wind.

Mary loved playing cards with her eldest son, who she pegged the only one who can beat her. She adopted many nicknames such as "Fat Gotti"; she always got you for money, "Short Stuff" by "the baby" because she was taller than her. "Mary-Alice" by eldest grandchild jokingly to smooth over any disagreements (she like that). Big at heart and a JOKESTER; arguing over epidural shots with middle daughter then walking out when the pain hit to taunt her (she got a kick out of that), chasing her grandchild around with live lobsters, on the top of the couch in a ninja suit and mop stick waiting for her son to get home, and leading the conga line of 200+pl on Carnival cruise line. She always knew when her children was up to something, her line was "if you gonna do dirt do it by yourself and never allow a person to blackmail you." She was so keen that we wondered if she was FBI, CIA, or even the KGB. Mary showed love through her wisdom and being a prayer warrior. Her kids were the greasiest kids in the neighborhood from the anointing oil she placed on them EVERY DAY to cover them in Jesus' name.

Mary leaves behind to mourn and cherish her: husband, Eddie Lee Crishom; children, Christopher (Evelyn Lane), Hope Crishom Kennerly, Minister Eddie Jr.,(Tracey Crishom), Jason Crishom, Kelly Crishom, and Minister Shirelle (Pastor Lester Brad Smith); twenty-four grandchildren, Shirnora, Destiny, Tristan, Cree, Danielle, Cairo, Jason Jr., Jacqueline, E'ma'nee, Kimberley, Minister Isaiah, Christopher Jr., Shamori, Wynter, Cameron, David, Ch'air, Leah, Joel, Eddie III, Alonzo, Dallas, Dakota, and Ellie; and three great-grand-children, Alice, Nash, and Jayden. Mary is survived by: two brothers, Roosevelt and wife Eleanor Carswell and Sidney Lane, Jr.; brothers-in-law, Bishop Nathaniel Wesley and Robert VanNess; sister-in-law, Sheila Prewitt; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

# Order of Service

Presiding.....Elder Pastor Yvonia M. Smith

Processional

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Rose Hayes

Reading of Old Testament:

Psalm 116:7-15.....Pastor Lester Brad Smith

Reading of New Testament:

1 Corinthians 15:51-58.....Minister Eddie Lee Crishom, Jr.

Hymn.....“God Specialize”

Minister Francine Smith-Gilyard

Elder Celestine Smith-Reid

Minister Brittany Smith

Special Remarks.....Grandchildren and Children

Hymn..... “Without God I Can Do Nothing”

Kelly Crishom

Obituary.....Minister Shirelle Smith

Hope Crishom

Congregational Song.....“Give Him Glory”

Minister Francine Smith-Gilyard

Elder Celestine Smith-Reid

Eulogy.....Bishop Lester C. Smith

Final Viewing

Recessional Hymn.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Minister Francine Smith-Gilyard

Elder Celestine Smith-Reid

*Interment*

Forest Green Memorial Park

Morganville, New Jersey

## Transition



By the wings of the Angels our Queen has  
ascended back to her Heavenly Father

Prayers in the air circled the room

God sent his Angels to shelter from  
the gloom

As she heel-toed through the pearl  
gates of Heaven

Greeted by love ones  
It felt like forever

Smiling and grinning the shouts of  
Hallelujah filled her soul

Look at me Saints God has made me whole

Now in the window of her mansion

Prayers of our Mother from the time of newborn

Cheering us on forever

## Acknowledgement

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