

Celebrating the Life of



Mattie Lee Wilkins Smith

Sunrise
June 27, 1938

Sunset
July 27, 2020

Monday, August 3, 2020 - 12pm

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Bishop William Wilkins, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

On July 27, 2020, God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb; He gently closed those loving eyes and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

Mattie Lee Gates (Wilkins-Smith) was born on June 27, 1938 to the late James and Mattie Gates in Altavista, Virginia where she grew up with her siblings, Sarah, Maxine, David (deceased) and Jacqueline.

After graduation from Campbell County High School in Virginia, Mattie moved to New York in 1957, where she met and married Jack Smith and had four children, Jack Jr. (Carolyn), Jeffrey (Carolyn), Joann (Danny) and Janice (Anthony). She later married again to Hersey Wilkins, Jr. II (deceased) and had three children, Hersey Jr. III (Aaronita), Sabrina (Philip) and Reginald (Sheronda). She lived in the Bronx where she was a housewife for many years before she started working various jobs and later retired as a home health aide.

In her later years, she became a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in the Bronx, NY and attended services there until her health kept her from attending.

She was a great storyteller and loved spending time with her family. She would do anything for them. She always looked forward to getting together with her family for various occasions.

Along with her children, she leaves behind twenty grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren and a host of other relatives.

We will mourn her loss but take comfort in her being at rest.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

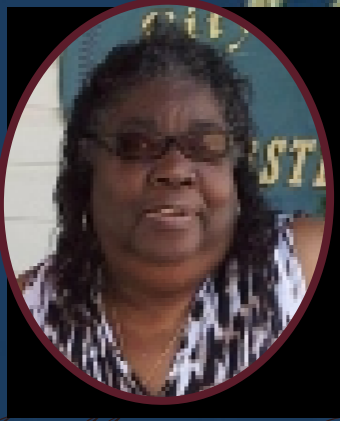
Recessional

Interment

Hillside Cemetery

Cortlandt, New York





A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something that no one can explain, it is made of deep devotion and sacrifice and pain, it is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may for nothing can destroy it or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking... it believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems ... It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation ... a many splendor miracle man cannot understand and another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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