



*Celebrating  
the Life  
of*



*Louise Bowlding*

**Sunrise**  
**October 24, 1932**

**Sunset**  
**August 10, 2020**

Thursday, August 20, 2020 - 4pm - 7pm

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Interment*

Rosedale Cemetery, Linden, New Jersey

## Obituary

**Louise Bowlding** was affectionately known as “Lou” by family and close friends. She was born on October 24, 1932, in Raeford, North Carolina, to the late Alexander Melvin and Daisy Ella Briggs Melvin.

Louise attended school in Raeford and Wilson, NC. She lived in Baltimore, Maryland for a short while before moving to New York City, where she resided for more than 60 years. Lou worked as a practical nurse for many years before retiring.

Louise was married twice. Her first husband, James (Buddy) Albbot Lucas preceded her in death. One daughter, Levora Melvin was born from that union. She had two sons, James (Jimmie) Lucas who preceded her in death and her son, Tyrone Farmer who she is survived by. Louise comes from a very large family and never forgot the family values instilled in her by her parents. Over the years, she maintained a loving connection with her family and love ones. She was a doting mother to her daughter, son, granddaughter and great grands.

Louise attended New First Baptist Church in New York City during the early years and sang in the choir. She later became a member of Bethany Baptist Church. Unable to attend due to health reasons, she continued to pay her dues.

When Louise was growing up at home, she was also known as “Moot”. In adulthood, her sisters seldom called her by that name, but whenever they did, she would laugh because she knew they really wanted to get her attention or to make her laugh.

Lou enjoyed life and had a great sense of humor. She loved telling jokes and was never too busy to hear one. She made friends very easily and maintained most of those friendships throughout her life. She loved to cook and would often prepare meals for her neighbors. When her health began to decline, in addition to her family, her friends rallied around her; especially those who resided in her building. Her friend, Ruth Smith visited her frequently and was there for her with food or to do anything else she could for her. Her dear friend, Ruth Cousar was especially there for her all the way and checked in on her every morning and evening to assist her with whatever she needed.

Louise is survived by: her daughter, Levora Melvin, who resides in Florida; her son, Tyrone Farmer; one granddaughter, Sharon Williams, who resides in Florida; five great grandchildren (one, Marquis Duggs is deceased); seven great, great grandchildren; six sisters, Ann D. Reynolds, Yvonne Nelson, Joyce C. Hicks, Eunice P. Charles, Patricia F. Hall all of Wilson, NC and Shirley G. Melvin, who resides in New York; a dear niece, Brenda Thompson-Sales, who resides in New York; many nieces and nephews; grand nieces and grand nephews; cousins; and a host of friends.

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