

*Homegoing Service*

*For*



*Grace Cherebin*

**Sunrise**  
**December 21, 1926**

**Sunset**  
**October 6, 2020**

**Service:**  
**Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 10:00 AM**

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Minister Kevin Wade, Organist

# Obituary

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## THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GRACE EARLDINE CHEREBIN

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Grace Earldine Mills Cherebin was born in Harlem NY to hard working parents, Harry Mills and Albertha Clarke Mills of Nevis-St. Kitts and was the seventh of eight children. She was always very active, energetic, loved to dance, run races, jump rope (double-dutch), skate, play tennis and badminton in Central Park, among other activities.

She, her sisters and friends were original “Harlem Renaissance Girls”, working hard and coming of age in the era of jazz, Duke Ellington, the Lindy Hop, big-band dances, stylish dresses, heels and elbow-length gloves, at the Savoy, Commodore Hotel and other iconic ballrooms.

She attended public schools and graduated from Central Commercial High School where she learned and perfected her typing, stenography and administrative business skills.

She married Fitzroy L. Cherebin on May 28, 1950, after his military service in WWII. They had four children, Valarie (deceased in infancy), Cecily, Wayne and Carl. As a wife and mother she went on to complete her associates degree in applied sciences from New York City Community College (CUNY).

Her work experience included being a switchboard operator at New York Telephone Company, then in 1961 became employed by the New York City Board of Education, progressing through various positions from school aide up to training para-professionals until she retired in 1990.

She loved to travel and began visiting various islands in the 1960's with her sisters and friends, then expanded to traveling abroad in the 1970s into the early 2000s, to Mexico, Greece, Brazil, Israel, Egypt, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia (multiple visits to some) and also went on countless cruises enjoying the multiple ports of call.

As a mother and aunt, which was all the same to her, she was patient and loving but also strong minded, taught tough life lessons and trained her children to be disciplined, honest, useful, independent, use common sense and be part of the solutions in life and not the problems. She was funny, feisty and famous for countless sayings of guidance, truth and words to live and survive by.

Most of all, she studied the bible, believed in God and our saviour, Jesus Christ.

She is preceded in death by her husband Fitzroy L. Cherebin, infant daughter Valerie Cherebin, Son-In-Law Bobby Allison, her brothers: Michael Condell, Kenneth, Herman and Victor Mills, her sisters: Evelyn Dendtler, Sylvia Henderson and Myrtle Cherebin.

She is survived by her children: Cecily Allison, Wayne (wife-Ettelee) Cherebin and Carl (wife-Diane) Cherebin, godson: Anthony Cherebin, grandchildren: Craig and Phillip Allison, Lorenzo Harris, Jared and Cecily Cherebin, Kimberly (husband-Alaska) Gedeon, great-grandchildren: Loryn, Zoe, Layah, Lorenzo Jr., Jaxson Harris and a host of nieces, nephews, great and grands as well as cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

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ORGAN PRELUDE .....Minister Kevin Wade

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION.....“Going Up Yonder”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalms 59:16

NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 8:35, 37-39

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Pastor David Francis  
Canaan Baptist Church of Christ  
Harlem, NY

SELECTION.....“Don’t Cry For Me”  
Bebe & Cece Winans

TRIBUTES..... (Please limit to Two Minutes Each)

OBITUARY..... (Silent Reading)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SELECTION

EULOGY.....Pastor David Francis

COMMITTAL & BENEDICTION.....Pastor David Francis

REMARKS BY THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR

FINAL VIEWING

RECESSIONAL.....“I’ll Be Loving You Always”  
Stevie Wonder

## Entombment

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Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, New York



# *Precious Memories*

















# HEAVEN

It will be the past.  
We all live there together.  
Not as it was to live  
but as it is remembered.  
It will be the past  
and we'll all go back together.  
Everyone we ever lost  
and loved and must remember.  
It will be the past.  
And it will last FOREVER.

by Patrick Phillips  
(N.Y.City Transit System's Poetry Underground)

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## Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you,  
sayeth the Lord. Plans to give you a future and a hope”

### *Acknowledgments*

The family wishes to express our profound and heartfelt  
gratitude for your prayers, calls, expressions of love and  
kindness to us during our bereavement.  
May God bless you all.

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