

A portrait of an elderly woman, Martha Rebecca Delaney, smiling and wearing glasses and a light blue jacket. The background features a large white lily flower at the top, a golden cross on the left, and a soft, cloudy sky. At the bottom, there is an open book with text, and another white lily flower is partially visible. The overall theme is religious and celebratory.

*Celebrating the Life of*

*Martha Rebecca Delaney*

Sunrise  
May 2, 1930

Sunset  
November 21, 2020

*Celebration of Life*  
*Monday, November 30, 2020 - 9:30am*

**True Gospel Tabernacle**

1 W. Tremont Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10453

*Rev. Leroy Benton, Senior Pastor*

# Obituary

Martha Rebecca Delaney was born May 2, 1930 to Bernard McKinley Delaney, Sr. and Nannie Emma Scruggs-Delaney in Jetersville, VA. She was the oldest of her siblings Bernard Jr. (RIP), Vivian, Jean and Shelia (RIP). She graduated from Russell Grove HS in 1948. In 1952, Martha left Virginia and moved to the Bronx in NYC. In 1956, Martha married Henry T. Webb (RIP) and later divorced. Later in 1962, Martha married John H. Gasper (RIP). She was blessed with four daughters, Carolyn Delaney (RIP)(Galloway/Ford), Lorraine Delaney-Thomas, Mary Ann Gasper-Smith, and Martha Gasper (RIP).

Martha joined Whosoever Will Baptist Church in 1977 where she served faithfully for over 30 years. As a devoted member she sang on the choir and served as an usher and nurse. In 1987, Martha became a Deaconess at Whosoever Will Baptist Church and eventually became Mother of the Church. In 2007 she joined Mt. Gilead B.C. where she attended faithfully for a short time until a significant decline in her health.

Martha loved God immensely. She prayed and read her bible daily. She loved listening to gospel music and watching gospel programs. Martha loved her children and grandchildren dearly and was always busy in their lives. She was a strong and devoted woman not only to God but her family as well.

Martha leaves behind her daughters Lorraine and Mary, her grandchildren Dyan, Damon, Daniel, Dawn, Shareef, Jared, Raine, Victor, Ebony and Marquis. She also leaves behind her great-grand children Zaire, Jonah, Danielle, Phoenix, Jared, Jadoni, Keon, Jaiychaun, Eunique, Essence, Amari and Amaris as well as a host of great great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Martha was called home on November 21, 2020 at 2:35 am at Bronx Lebanon Hospital. May her legacy of life and labor of love live on in our hearts as we say farewell.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Scripture Reading:  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort:

Reflections (2 Minutes)

Obituary

Solo  
“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

*Interment*  
Fairlawn Cemetery  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



# *John 14:1-4*

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

## *Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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