

Celebrating the Life of



Grace Cameron

Sunrise:

December 7, 1952

Sunset:

January 4, 2020

SERVICE:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 - 10:30 AM

OWENS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

216 Lenox Avenue • New York, NY

Reverend Dr. Lois Giles - Officiating

Reverend Marshall Morton - Organist

Order of Service

Processional

Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort

Reverend Marshall Morton

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalms 23

New testament - Mathew 25: 31-40

Reverend Dr. Lois Giles

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Dr. Lois Giles

Musical Selection

Reverend Marshall Morton

Tribute

Kim Cameron-Smith

Remembrances

Family and Friends

Acknowledgements

Reading of the Obituary

To Be Read Silently

Musical Selection

Reverend Marshall Morton

Eulogy

Reverend Dr. Lois Giles

Final Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Clover Leaf Cemetery

Woodbridge, New jersey

Obituary

Grace Yvonne Cameron was born on December 7, 1952 at Harlem Hospital in New York City to Grace and Charlie Culberson. She was raised in Hogansville, Georgia and was the third of six children. She attended Mount Pleasant Elementary School in Mountville, Georgia and then Hogansville High School where she graduated in 1970. Some of her fondest memories of High School was playing clarinet for the marching band, twirling a fire baton as a majorette, and winning Mrs. Hogansville High. Fifteen-year-old Grace was introduced to her future husband Gary Cameron at a football game. The High School sweethearts had three children and remained married until he passed away September 13, 2002.

Shortly after graduating High School Grace moved to Washington DC where she worked as a clerk for the FBI. In 1972 she moved to New York City and gave birth to her first child Demetrice. In 1980 she began working at Calvary Hospital where she served for 35 years as a Cancer Care Technician for terminally ill patients. Those who knew her recall how she enjoyed singing spirituals, praying, and holding hands with those who were transitioning. She considered the spiritual part of this work as important as the physical care she offered patients. As a result of this desire to attend to the spiritual needs of patients Grace took Clinical Pastoral Care Classes at Calvary in hopes of becoming a Chaplain. She completed the requirements to become a certified Chaplain shortly before retiring from Calvary Hospital in 2015. She also attended Huger Theological Institute where she earned a master's degree in Theology.

Grace was baptized at Hills Chapel Methodist Church in Hogansville, Georgia at the age of 10. She was a member of Saint Mathew's Baptist Church in Harlem NY and sang for the Gospel Choir while there. Later she joined Bethel Gospel Assembly where she also sang on the choir. At Bethel she was a part of the "Be the Gift Ministry" where she helped to distribute clothing, food, and other items to battered women and children. She also served on the ministry of feeding the homeless. Grace enjoyed working with children and young adults. She often made herself available to give an encouraging word; mentoring and guiding them as if they were her own. She is affectionately known as "Mama Grace" or "God mom" to many of her "adopted" children.

She spent her life in service to others and has touched many lives. She believed in a life of Charity. What she did for others came from her heart but was also a part of her ministry, a part of her worship, a part of her understanding of why we were put on this earth. She tried not to judge people and was so easy to talk to because she met you where you were and loved you for who you were. She will be missed for her ability to lighten up a room with her humor, warmth, and genuine love for people. Well done "Mama Grace." forever in our hearts.

She is survived by her siblings Shirley James (Alfred), Gloria Jennings (Hardrick), Kenneth Culberson (Janice), Charlie Culberson, and Cynthia Phillips (Edward). Her children Demetrice Cameron, Latasha Cameron-Magassouba, and Chad Cameron. One Son-in-Law Moustapha Magassouba Sr. Four grandchildren Justin Jiles, Moustapha Magassouba Jr., Ahmed Magassouba, and Cynthia Finkley. Five God Children Addie Brown, Shamar Shinaul, Shatesha Johnson, Sade Williams, Lamar Collins. In addition, she leaves to rejoice a host of extended family and friends.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't
lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of **Grace Cameron** will remember and cherish your many expressions of love, sympathy and prayers so graciously extended. Thank you and may God Bless you.

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