

*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Donna May Alethia Gayle-Francis*



Sunrise  
July 4, 1958

Sunset  
January 17, 2021

Saturday, January 31, 2021 - 11am

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# Reflections

**Donna May Alethia Gayle-Francis** was the oldest daughter of late Vilma Smith and Clarence Gayle. She transitioned from this life on Sunday, January 17, 2021.

Donna was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica along with her brother Garfield Gayle in which she attended school and had a passion for the beaches, flowers, gardening, cooking and raising birds with her mother Vilma.

In her teenage years, she migrated to America in which she attended Louis D. Brandeis High School. While attending Brandeis, Donna enjoyed and participated in the sport of volleyball while studying an academic curriculum. After graduating from high school Donna received her Associate degree from Buffalo State University.

Donna soon began a lucrative career in Human Resources with the Department of Social Services in which she retired with over 30 years of service.

Donna had a joy for life, family, and God. She was an active church member with Memorial Baptist Church in which she participated for church functions and sang on the church choir till she could no longer do so.

Donna had a family-oriented spirit, she enjoyed preparing, entertaining and participating in special affairs for family gatherings. She loved to venture out with her children, family and friends.

Donna was a kind and giving soul and was always supportive with whatever her daughter, son, family and friends wanted to achieve.

Donna was caring, compassionate, understanding, generous, affectionate, and thoughtful. She had a smile that would radiate your heart, these are only a few words that can describe her beautiful soul and she was respected and loved by many.

Donna Gayle-Francis leaves to cherish her memories: her loving and devoted daughter, Kathleen Francis; loving and faithful brother, Garfield Gayle; precious grandchildren, Jamir and Ariana Francis; her loving stepmother, Jean Gayle; step-siblings, Desmond, Michelle, Deidie'Anne, Christopher, Jason, Richard, Denise, Kade'ne and Caroline; beloved stepchildren, Karen, O'Neil, Howard, Mark, Karen of England, Richard, Deon, Courtney, and Everth; a devoted Godson, Steven Hope, Jr.; and a host of relatives and friends.

“Death leaves a heartache no one can Heal; Love leaves a memory no one can Steal”

May her soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



INTERMENT:  
Maple Grove Park Cemetery  
Hackensack, New Jersey



## *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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## *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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