

Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me because I am gone Don't lay awake in the early dawn With thoughts of grief or pity felt About my life or ailing health I've not gone far although from sight I'm just beyond like the day from night I'm with you still in the strongest way I feel your will all through the day The ways we cared and the bond we shared Are symbols of undying love Be strong in life and do not fold Don't let it be said you just got old And when you think you cant go on That life has made you tattered and torn That's the time to think of me That's the time I'll set you free You'll feel me with you, you'll know I'm fine It'll give you strength to keep towing the line I'm alive and well on a different plane I'm alive and you know it so just stay sane Don't be consumed with grief or fear Of how I died or had you been near The journey we shared in the physical place Has blossomed for me in this cosmic space I'm sending you this message because you're in shock I don't want you to sit in that chair and just rock Pick up those pieces and see which ones fit Dust yourself off, take it bit by bit We came to a fork in the road that we traveled No reason to stop or become unraveled Stand on your own, it's a task you must do And know that I will Always Love you

**Beknowledgements** 

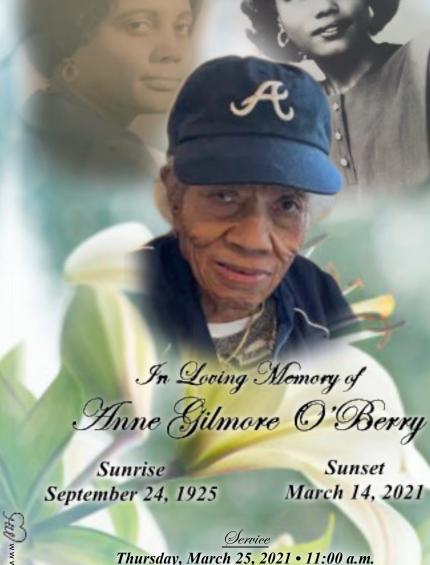
The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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## Reflections of Life

Anne Gilmore O'Berry was born on September 24, 1925 in Spartanburg, South Carolina to the late Anthony and Lolar Gilmore. She was the middle child of six children. She departed this world Sunday, March 14, 2021 at Franklin General Hospital, Valley Stream, New York.

Anne attended Carver High School in South Carolina and graduated from Morgan State University in Maryland with a degree in Home Economics.

Anne met and married McLain O'Berry in 1949 and started a family in Canarsie, Brooklyn where their first child, Veronica, was born. They later moved to Woodside, Queens where their second daughter, Patricia and first son Darren were born. In 1961, Anne and McLain bought a house in Cambria Heights where they raised their family and lived for the next several decades.

Anne and McLain were long-standing members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Flushing, New York where he was a devoted trustee and she served on the floral committee decorating the church each Sunday with flowers.

When Anne's three children were old enough, she returned to school and took classes in nutrition. She put her home economic skills to use working as a nutritionist at the Charles R. Drew Early Learning Center in Queens, N.Y. She learned the art of Italian cooking from her colleagues and augmented her southern culinary repertoire, treating her family to regional Italian dishes like lasagna and spaghetti and meatballs.

Anne had a love of gardening and grew roses, hydrangeas and an abundance of summer flowers in her garden. She enjoyed cooking for her family and was a skilled baker. Her grandchildren's birthdays were always celebrated with one of her homemade baked creations. Her blueberry cobbler and apple pie were desired and coveted for all holidays and there wasn't a weekend that went by without her grandchildren and great grandchildren enjoying her delicious homemade cornbread! Anne also enjoyed fashion! All who knew her cherished her iconic sense of style; her look was always completed with coordinated handbags and shoes and a stylish hat!

Anne leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Veronica Steffensmeier (son-in-law, Johannes Steffensmeir) Patricia Anne Parrish and one son, Darren W. O'Berry (daughter-in-law, Kim Davenport); three grandchildren, Shanell Parrish-Brown (grandson-in-law, Al Brown); Mister Parrish (partner, Eila Peguero); and Skyler O'Berry; two step grandchildren, Chauncie Davenport and Anthony Davenport; five great grandchildren; Autumn C. Brown, Asha W. Brown, Shiloh S.T. Brown, Mister Parrish Jr. and Sir Parrish; two step grandchildren, Madison Davenport and Phenix Davenport. Anne was preceded in death by her husband, McLain O'Berry Jr., her brothers, Anthony, Blakely and Wilborn Gilmore and her sisters Mattie Ella Rervis, Beaudell Garvanne and Girlee Gilmore; her son-in-law, Burnon Parrish. She also has a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews all over the country who will cherish her memory fondly.



## Order of Service

Presiding	Minister Muriel McMillan		
Processional		.Clergy/Family	
Scripture Readings Old Testament: Isaial New Testament: John	n 41:10 n 14:1-3	. Mister Parrish Al Brown	
Poetry Selections			
Recited by	(Granddaughters)		
Prayer of Comfort	7	Eila Peguero	
Hymn of Comfort "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me" Sister Bernice Watkins			
Resolution: Floral Ministry			
Acknowledgments/Church Letter Sister Florence Salgado			
Acknowledgements from	om the Family	Eila Peguero	
Obituary	Autumn Brown (Great G	Granddaughter)	
Vocal Selection	"His Eye Is O	n The Sparrow" "CoDee" Cody	
Eulogy	Ministe	er Pamela Green	
Vocal Selection	"The Shanel	Lord's Prayer" l Parrish-Brown	
Committal/Internment			
Recessional		Clergy/Family	

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park Farmingdale, New York