

In Loving Memory of



Irene Victoria Godfrey

Sunrise
May 26, 1930

Sunset
May 7, 2021

Friday, May 14, 2021 - 6PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Brenda Price, Officiating

Obituary

Irene Victoria Godfrey was born in Charleston, South Carolina on May 26, 1930 to the late David and Katie Barnwell.

Irene attended Burke High School in South Carolina.

Irene moved to Elizabeth Town, North Carolina in 1947, where she met the love of her life, Arthur Godfrey. In 1948, Arthur and Irene got married and moved to New York City and in 1964 they moved to 53 Hamilton Terrace until Arthur was called home to be with the Lord. 53 Hamilton remained home for Irene until 2019.

Irene worked as a Textile Floor Lady at Alfred Bleyer & Co. from September of 1965 to August of 1992. In 1978, Irene joined Convent Avenue Baptist Church and was heavily involved in Bible Study and praise dancing. She loved attending Bible Study with her pride and joy Dawn Nettles and enjoyed discussing the Sunday School lessons with her small group. Irene was the life of the party, you knew she was coming miles away and if you did not know who she was, she made it her business to let you know who she was. Her unexpected jokes and straight talk always kept you wondering what was to come next when she opened her mouth. Irene was a giver, she provided her services to the community, her family, friends, and strangers—if she had it you had it.

She leaves to mourn as well as cherish her loss: her son, Raymond Godfrey; daughter, Ramona Godfrey; six grandchildren, Kimberly Coleman-Godfrey, LaSean Hill, Izmira Tawfeek, Raymond Godfrey, Jr., Khaliyah Brown and Nikeisha Worrell; great grand and pride and joy, Dawn Nettles; five great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; and a host of other family members and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Sentence.....	Rev. Brenda Price
Opening Song.....	"Near the Cross"
Comfort of Prayer.....	Rev. Brenda Price
Musical Selection.....	"God is Able" - Daketa Scott
Scripture Reading.....	Granddaughter, Min. LaSean Hill
Acknowledgements/Remarks.....	Son, Raymond Godfrey & Daughter, Ramona Godfrey
Reading of Obituary.....	Great Granddaughter, Dawn Nettles
Solo.....	Granddaughter, Izmira Tawfeek
Eulogy.....	Rev. Brenda Price
Committal.....	Rev. Brenda Price
Benediction.....	Rev. Brenda Price

INTERMENT:
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, 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.

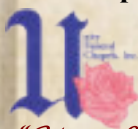
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

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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