

Celebrating the Life of
Helen Cynthia Baxter

Sunrise
September 24, 1952

Sunset
May 7, 2021



Thursday, May 20, 2021 - 5PM

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Obituary

Helen Cynthia Baxter was born on Wednesday, September 24, 1952 in Harlem, New York.

Helen's sunset was Friday, May 7, 2021.

Helen grew up attending Trinity AME Church of Harlem, NY, along with her family, where her maternal grandmother the late Rev. Alice McShaw was an associate minister.

Helen attended and graduated from the Jane Adam's Vocational High School in the Bronx, NY, where her area of concentration was nursing. Upon graduation, Helen was subsequently employed with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for several decades where she worked as a claims adjuster.

Helen enjoyed cooking with her son Isaac; visiting the Cloisters to watch the ducks and continuing the family tradition of outings at Coney Island. Helen was also a huge Disney fan and loved traveling to Disney World, hanging out and dancing with Mickey, Minnie, Donald and Goofy. But, most of all, Helen loved going to cookouts at cousin Joseph's home. This meant so very much to her.

Helen is preceded by her parents, the late Issakha Seck and Elizabeth M. Seck.

Helen leaves to mourn: a devoted son, Isaac L. Nelson; sisters, Sheila F. Seck and "Fahima" Patricia Seck; cousins, Joseph Green and Bernard McShaw; and a host of friends and neighbors as well.

There are further plans to celebrate Helen's life on Saturday, September 24, 2021—her earth day. Please save the date.

Order of Service

Patricia Caldwell
Associate Minister Convent Ave Baptist Church

Processional.....Psalm 23

Selections

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Psalm 27:1-6, 14

New Testament.....1 Corinthians 15:50-55

Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Caldwell

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection.....Soloist

Obituary Reading

Poem: "I'm Free"Joseph Green

Eulogy.....Luke 10:38-42

Committal & Final Comments

Final Selections....."Sweet Honey in the Rock"

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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