



In Loving Memory of
Iola Bridges

Sunrise
October 6, 1940

Sunset
September 17, 2021

Service
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

St. John FBH Church
1016 Fulton Street • Brooklyn, New York 11238

Obituary

Iola Bridges was born in Bennettsville, SC on October 6, 1940, the 10th child of George Bridges, Sr. & Ethel Reese Bridges and she was the youngest girl of her siblings . She departed this life on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

She received Christ at an early age and joined the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church where she sang in the junior choir and on occasion would assist her sister Josephine, who sometimes played piano for the choir. Iola always was meek, humble, a mother's child who deeply loved her mother, her family and would do anything she could for them.

She attended Wright High School in Blenheim, SC and graduated with the Class of 1960. She then relocated to Brooklyn, New York for better opportunities. Iola was a woman of God who loved to attend church. As such, she connected with Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Brooklyn under the leadership of Rev. Lyman Lowe at what time along with her sister Josephine. When there were afternoon services, Iola would always attend.

Iola loved her job and worked tirelessly up until her retirement after many years. Even after retirement, she would still leave home every day to go sight-seeing, shopping or visiting family and return around the conclusion of the work day. As her health failed, Iola moved in with her sister Irene and her family. Irene and Iola were inseparable. Also, in her spare time, Iola enjoyed collecting stuffed animals and attending events at the local Senior Citizen's Center. She was a woman of few words but her love was always felt and she enjoyed her trips to her hometown in South Carolina. Many years later as Irene began to experience issues with her health, Iola transitioned to Bushwick Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing with her nieces, Elinda Dobbs Williams as caretaker, as well as Annette Twine.

Preceding her in death from her immediate family are her parents. Her brothers: Willie B, George Jr., O'Daniel and Claude, who died as an infant. Nephew Henry James Bridges was viewed as a brother. Sisters: Annie Jane Matthews and Lillie Mae Bridges and Rosa Lean Dobbs.

Iola leaves to cherish fond memories four Sisters: Josephine Bridges, Irene Bridges, Ophelia Richardson and Ethel Lee Bruce, of Brooklyn, NY, Rev Dr. Edith E. Bridges of Bennettsville SC, Cheryl Ricardson, Marlene (Curtis) Smith, Elinda (Edward) Dobbs Williams, Navonia (Curtis) Dyette, Mr. & Mrs. Chiquina Calhoun and Althea Bridges, of Brooklyn, NY. Nephews: Herbert Bridges of New Jersey, Joseph (Yvette) Bridges, Steven Bruce, Kevin Bruce, George Bridges III, Michael Bridges and O'Daniel Bridges, Jr. of New York. One God-daughter: her great-niece, Anita Benwa Bridges of Brooklyn. She also leaves twelve great nieces, fourteen great nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Anita B. Bridges, Goddaughter and Great Niece

Prayer of Consolation

Cheryl Richardson, Niece

Selection

Obituary/Acknowledgements

Navonia Richardson Dyette, Niece

Selection

Eulogy

Rev. Earl Wallace, Pastor

Williamsburg AME Zion Church

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Forest Green Cemetery
Morganville, 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 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!*

Acknowledgements

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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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