

Service Information

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021 Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Service: 10:00 AM

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC

725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467

Rev. Michael Peters, Officiating

Min. Kevin Wade, Organist

<u>Interment</u>

Kensico Cemetery Valhalla, NY

<u>Pallbearers</u>

Steidberger Austin
Alfred Austin
Anthony Austin
Matthew Austin
Graham Austin
Wayne Austin

Order of Service

Prelude	
Opening Prayer:	Rev. Michael Peters
Hymn of Comfort:	"Rock of Ages"
Scripture Reading.	
Old Testament: Psalm 23:	
New Testament: Matthew 11. 28-30	Lawrence Austin
Hymn: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"	
Obituary Reading.	Tatiyana Cespedes
Reflections:	Steidberger Austin
Hymn: "What A Friend	d We Have in Jesus"
Homily:	Rev. Michael Peters
Benediction	
Final Viewing Eternity Funeral Services Directors	
Recessional" "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"	



Gladwin Austin Springer, affectionately known as Auntie was born on July 6, 1934, in Paynes Bay St. James, Barbados. Gladwin was the third child of seven children, and the daughter of John Gordon Grant and Muriel Ianthe Boyce Austin (predeceased). As a child growing up in a fishing village, her entire existence was centered around the ocean and its beaches. She spent much of her life in the water where she was an excellent and avid swimmer. Fishing, swimming, and surfing were routine childhood activities.

Gladwin attended Payne's Bay Girls School in St. James. There she learned and mastered reading and writing. As a young girl, Gladwin loved to read and this love extended into adulthood. She was highly intelligent and was a treasure trove of knowledge. There was nothing you could ask that she did not have the answer to.

Before immigrating to America in search of the American dream in 1966, Gladwin worked at the Colony Club Hotel in Barbados. She was young and full of hope and motivated to plant new roots in America. Coming to America proved to be a success because slowly her other siblings began to migrate. Like most immigrants, she was seeking better opportunities for her family. For many years she worked as a domestic, where she enjoyed caring for others and their families.

In 1974, Gladwin married Kingsley T. Springer the most loving and caring man. To keep a cohesive unit, thus keeping the family together, he sent for Gladwin's other children; Adrian, Steidberger (Steve), and Alfred to reside in America with the rest of their siblings.

Gladwin loved to cook and bake. She believed that food only tasted good if it was done from the heart. Gladwin believed that she could out-cook anyone. She lived for the holidays and Sundays because that was when she did the most cooking and decorating. Gladwin often baked sweetbreads and pone for the holiday season. All religious holidays held special meaning to her.

Gladwin settled in and spent her later years, before illness, caring for many of her grandkids. She also spent many wonderful years with her husband before his death in 2003. On November 21, 2021, after a prolonged illness, Gladwin went home to be with the Lord. She is predeceased by her son Adrian Austin and leaves behind six children: Steve, Alfred, Anthony, Estelle, Sophia Austin, and Matthew Springer. Predeceased by her sisters Doreen Leacock, Leila and Annitte Austin, brothers Glyn and Vere Austin. Survived by her brother Barton Austin, twelve grandchildren, two great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and family members in Barbados, US, England, and Canada.

You will never be forgotten. Your love and kindness will follow us for all the days of our lives. Your impact on us will live on forever in our hearts and you will be dearly missed, Gladwin. Rest in Peace.





Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase,
Thou must save, and save by grace.

Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace. Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



What A Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

God's Garden

God looked around his garden And found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth And saw your tired face. He put his arms around you And lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering He knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never Get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough And the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids And whispered, 'Peace be thine'. It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

Acknowledgement

The family of **Gladwin Springer** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.



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