

*In Loving Memory of*

*Sonia C. Spence*

Sunrise  
January 6, 1950

Sunset  
December 10, 2021



**Service:**

**Monday, December 20, 2021 - 5-6:30 pm**

**New Testament Church of God**

**3350-56 Seymour Avenue • Bronx, New York 10469**

# *Obituary*

**Sonia P. Spence** was born to Virone Chapman and Mister Francis January 6, 1950 in Kingston, Jamaica. Sonia was the first of 3 children: Dennis who resides in England and Jennifer (deceased).

Sonia attended Pendiford Highschool in Wolverhampton England. During that period, she formed lifelong friendships, including Esther Chamberlain, with whom she remained best friends until her death. They did everything together since high school, even relocating from the UK to the United States.

After leaving High School Sonia attended Walso Nursing School to become a Registered Nurse. She continued her education to become a midwife and worked for New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton in that capacity.

In 1972 Sonia married the love of her life Noel L. Spence in Wolverhampton England and that union produced one son, Wayne, her pride and joy. They were married for 17 years before he passed in 1989. Sonia and Noel migrated to the United States in the 1980s to be closer to her mother Virone and stepfather Rupert Chapman, as well as, her friend Esther. She continued her nursing career at Frances Schervier Nursing Home in Riverdale, Bronx, NY. Due to a rare eye disease, Sonia became legally blind in 1996 and had to retire from her successful and beloved career as a Registered Nurse. This condition may have broken most, but not Sonia. Her perseverance allowed her to adapt and retrain herself. She went on to have an 18-year career with the Department of Homeland Security before retiring in 2019.

Upon relocating to the United States, Sonia became a member of Beacon Bible Church, which started in the living room of Esther and Byron Chamberlain's home. She had been a pillar of that church since and remained devout until her death. Sonia organized and started the drama club, secret sisters, and the women's retreats. She also participated in the nursing home ministry, church choir, and church dramas, she especially enjoyed working with the children at Christmastime.

Sonia's vast accomplishments, from having written published pieces to awards from the mayor's office, are too many to list. So many beautiful and positive adjectives could be used to describe her. Few minutes with Sonia and her love for God, strength, thoughtfulness, and loving nature were evident and infectious. Sonia was looked upon as a second mom to many in her life and she loved all equally.

She is survived by her mother Virone, son Wayne, daughter-in-law Mayra, stepsons Bertram, Trevor, and grandson Bryce. A host of cousins, nieces and nephews and other relatives and dear friends here and abroad. Though sorely missed, Sonia would want us to remember that "To be absent from the body, is present with The Lord" (2 Cor. 5) and we are assured that she is resting peacefully in His arms.

***DEATH TO THE CHRISTIAN IS NOT A TRAGEDY.....***

***IT IS A TRIUMPH!***

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY!***

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Sentence..... Reverend Johnson

Opening HYMN..... “Blessed Assurance”

INVOCATION..... Reverend Johnson

The Prayer of Comfort.....Tony Jones

The Eulogy..... Shellyann Foster

Solo..... Jeanette Suarez

Scripture Reading - John 13: 34-35 .....Samuel Chisolm

Poem.....Yvette Parrish

Tributes  
Wayne Spence  
Sheldon Foster

Musical Selection.....Ana Ford

Words of Comfort..... Benjamin Suarez

Special Thank You.....Mayra Aleman-Spence

Final Remarks ..... Funeral Director

Closing Prayer /Benediction.....Pastor Edward Adkins

## **Pallbearers:**

Wayne Spence  
Bertram Spence  
Elbio Aleman  
Luis Aleman

Walter Menjivar  
Damion Smith  
Sheldon Foster  
Jeremy Folkes

## **Interment**

*Tuesday, December 21, 2021*

Mount Hope Cemetery

Hastings-on-Hudson, New York

# Precious Memories



## Thanks, and Appreciations

The Family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to everyone that Shared with us in our time of sorrow. Thanks for all cards, floral offerings, telephone calls, visits and most of all prayers and support. May God Bless you all.

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